

# ExplOrigins

# 2022

## Colloquium

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Poster session*

5 - 6 p.m. EST

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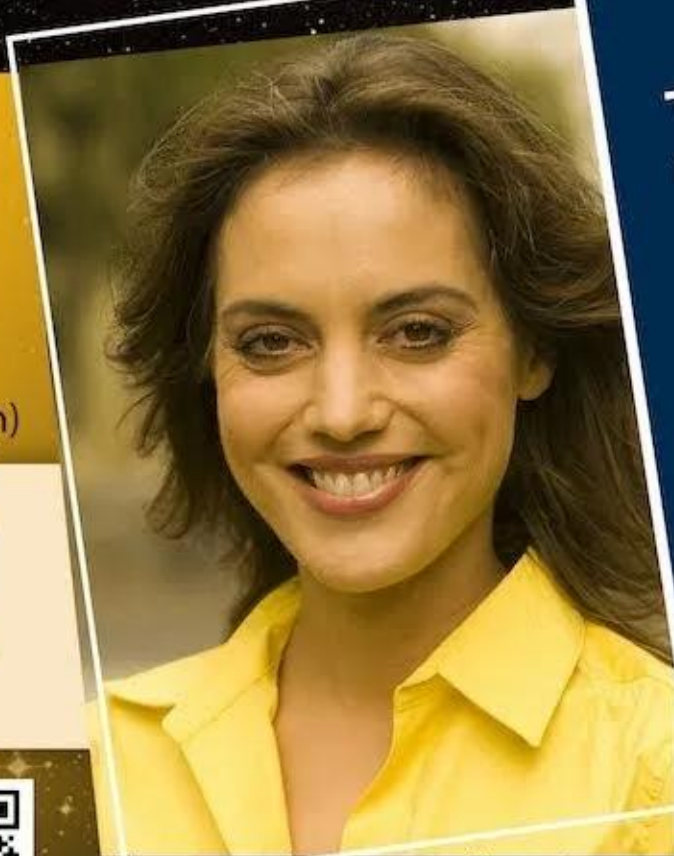
**Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Oral Session*

10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. EST

BlueJeans (virtual) and  
Suddath Rm, IBB (GA Tech)

Come hear from early career individuals who explore, conceptualize, celebrate, and discover pieces of space, life's origins, and astrobiology



**Keynote:**

**Dr. Amy Mainzer**  
U. Arizona

**Talk: "Don't Look Up:  
Near-Earth Asteroids  
and Comets"**

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, virtual, 1-2 p.m. EST

PI of NASA's Near-Earth  
Wide-Field Infrared Survey  
Explorer (NEOWISE)

Lead of NASA's Near-Earth  
Object (NEO) Surveyor

Netflix's *Don't Look Up*  
Science Consultant

PBS's *Ready Jet Go!* host  
and executive producer



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Georgia Tech  
Astrobiology



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00:00:07,990 --> 00:00:05,430  
thank you everyone so much for waiting

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and i'm becca and i am thrilled to

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introduce our keynote speaker for today

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dr amy mainzer

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so

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planetary science at the university of

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arizona before that she was a senior

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research scientist at nasa's jet

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propulsion laboratory

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her research interests include asteroids

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and comets particularly those that

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approach the earth instrumentation for

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remote sensing and applications of

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remote sensing for monitoring invasive

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species on earth

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professor mainz mainzer is the principal

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investigator of nasa's near earth object

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wide field infrared survey explorer or

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neowise mission

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an earth orbiting space telescope that

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is searching for earth approaching

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asteroids and comets

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she is also the lead of nasa's

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near-earth object neo surveyor mission

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which will carry out a comprehensive

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survey of

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asteroids and comets using a dedicated

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space telescope the neo surveyor mission

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has entered its preliminary design phase

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and is scheduled for launch in march of

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prior to joining

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the jet propulsion laboratory in 2003

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she designed and built the fine guidance

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sensor for nasa's spitzer space

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telescope

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as an engineer at lockheed martin

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the sensor she built was used daily by

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the observatory to initialize its

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pointing system throughout its mission

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from 2003 until its end in 2019.

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professor mainzer serves as the science

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curriculum consultant on camera host and

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executive producer of the pbs kids

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series ready jet go a tv show aimed at

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teaching physical science and earth

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science to kids ages three to eight

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and she served as a science consultant

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for the netflix

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movie don't look up

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professor mainzer is the past chair of

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the american astronomical societies

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00:02:09,990 --> 00:02:07,759  
division for planetary sciences the

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00:02:12,229 --> 00:02:10,000  
world's largest professional society of

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planetary scientists

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she serves as the chair of nasa's

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planetary science advisory committee and

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is a member of the nasa advisory council

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science committee

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so without further ado take it away dr

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mainzer

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hey thanks so much uh so

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i really appreciate the opportunity to

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talk with everybody here today i thought

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what i would do is is kind of present a

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broad overview of

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why asteroids and comets are important

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to the study of the origin of life or

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just you know what are some of the

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connections between these two topics

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and i think you know why it's so

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important for for people who study

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asteroids and comets similarly to work

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with folks who who study the origins of

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life because we have a lot in common and

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there's a lot of mutual connections

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between these between these topics

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and of course

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anytime you have cross-disciplinary work

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like this i think it really improves on

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both fields

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uh let's go ahead and jump right in

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and i think uh becca you'll feel free to

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stop me if we've got questions or

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anything like that it would be really

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great to get them and i'm happy to

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answer questions anytime

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i've got a lot of slides here but i kind

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of wanted to do this as sort of a broad

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overview not just of the stuff i'm

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personally working on with you know with

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my group but also just you know some of

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the things that are really fascinating

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to me in the field that i hope i hope

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you'll like too

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so uh one of the things about the solar

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system it's just an incredibly busy

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place uh i hope everybody can see this

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but uh the green dots here these are the

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main belt asteroids so this is where the

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bulk of the asteroids in the inner solar

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system are between mars and jupiter

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and we know close to a million of these

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objects now

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as of today most of these objects stay

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in very stable orbits

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they just they just keep going around

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around around the sun for billions of

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years

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they don't really change their orbits

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terribly much for most of them but

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sometimes there are exceptions to this

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you'll notice there's a couple of other

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interesting structures here there's a

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sort of a blob of these blue objects

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over here and another one over here it's

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a little hard to see on the screen but

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that is the planet jupiter so these are

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asteroids that are gravitationally bound

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to jupiter

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and their orbits are sculpted by

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jupiter's powerful gravity

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you can also see a population of reddish

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objects in the interior orbits here

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these are what we call near-earth

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objects and we know of about close to 30

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000 of those but we believe that this is

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only the tip of the iceberg in terms of

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the total population of such objects and

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these are the ones we pay attention to

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from the perspective of looking for

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potential impactors on the earth

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so what i'm going to talk about today is

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just sort of how do these things move

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around through the solar system what are

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their characteristics and how can they

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have an influence on the origin of life

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so let's uh let's get started with that

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so first if you want to make asteroids

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and comets you first have to make a

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solar system and to do that you

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basically have a huge cloud of gas and

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dust that collapses under the influence

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of gravity and then is acted upon by gas

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pressure and and rotation of the effects

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of angular momentum

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so what you have is uh i i just really

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love this uh this particular simulation

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because it really lets you see very

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clearly just exactly how how quickly

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things progress this is time in years up

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here

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and so you can see very quickly we start

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to form condensations out of the

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pre-solar nebula and the beginnings of

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stars uh starting to kick off here and

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then once the process of star formation

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gets going it's it proceeds very rapidly

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with lots of things being spat out a lot

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of objects and different masses and each

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one of these is a solar system

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presumably so if we zoom in now on

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what's happening

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with each of these little individual

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objects that are being born out of this

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out of this pre-solar nebula but now we

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can really get a sense for how we get

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solar systems so if we just i'm going to

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kind of step us forward here on this

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movie

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but basically now we're zooming in on

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each one of those little stars that uh

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that formed out of the out of the cloud

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there and you can start to see a disk of

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material forming around each one

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and it's uh again being acted up upon by

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the the joint influences of gravity and

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angular momentum and gas pressure

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but basically you very quickly start to

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condense um instabilities in the disk

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and you have local regions where the

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gravity is a bit stronger the material

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starts to accumulate and not only do you

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get stars but you you very quickly start

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to produce the seeds of planets as well

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as uh some of the planetesimals that

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don't quite make it interplanetary to

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full planet and planetary mass objects

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uh so basically moving right along here

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you can quickly see we get all kinds of

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varieties of different solar system

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discs forming out of the out of the

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material

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uh leading to all kinds of different

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planetary systems now in our case um we

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have an asteroid belt and a bunch of

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small bodies that are leftovers that

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didn't quite get swept up into planets

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and and that's in a nutshell how you get

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asteroids most of the material goes into

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planets in the in the central star or

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stars in the solar system but a lot of

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it gets left behind and and that which

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does not get swept up uh eventually goes

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into what we know today as asteroids and

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comets

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so uh so you can see the discs really

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starting to form here you can see gaps

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as planets are created and start to

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clear out material but not everything

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makes it into a planet is the upshot of

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this

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taken with the atacama large millimeter

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and some millimeter array or alma

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uh these are pictures of real solar

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systems so through our previous slide we

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had this we had the simulations and here

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we have the actual data

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so these are actual solar systems in the

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process of forming their own planets and

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their own asteroid belts

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and you can see here the gaps being

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cleared out as the planets sweep up

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material but there's a lot of stuff left

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over so presumably each of these solar

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systems have their own asteroid belts

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and swarms of comets and so forth

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so uh if we zoom in on one of these in

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particular here you can get a sense of

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the scale this is a an object here

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called hl tau

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and these are millimeter images of it

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and you can see this is an area about

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the size of the orbit of neptune so just

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to get a sense of scale for just exactly

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how big these these debris systems can

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be

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and you can see where where our solar

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system would fit in comparison

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so in any event this is more or less how

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you start to get asteroids uh here's

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another fabulous image that i think

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really illustrates the point this is a

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little tiny piece of a comet and uh

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zooming in here this is a an image from

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uh hope ishii at the university of

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hawaii uh and if you if you zoom in you

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can really start to see this is these

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are the aggregates of all of these

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little particles of dust that have

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accumulated uh over time and eventually

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these things grow and this is what

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becomes the asteroids and the comets

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that we have left over today from the

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formation event

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okay so now talking specifically about

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the the near earth objects why do i keep

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saying object instead of just asteroid

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well in this case i mean two classes of

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objects i'm referring to both asteroids

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00:08:58,230 --> 00:08:56,240  
and comets

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00:08:59,990 --> 00:08:58,240  
when we talk about asteroids

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00:09:01,829 --> 00:09:00,000

people typically think of rocky objects

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00:09:04,070 --> 00:09:01,839

things that are primarily composed of

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00:09:05,829 --> 00:09:04,080

rocky and refractory materials

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00:09:08,710 --> 00:09:05,839

on the other hand we have comets which

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00:09:11,030 --> 00:09:08,720

contain a lot more ices mixed together

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00:09:12,870 --> 00:09:11,040

and all all held together in a rocky

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00:09:15,670 --> 00:09:12,880

matrix i like to think of them now as

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00:09:17,670 --> 00:09:15,680

kind of opposite sides of a spectrum

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00:09:19,590 --> 00:09:17,680

today we know that asteroids span the

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00:09:22,550 --> 00:09:19,600

gamut of everything from from really

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00:09:24,949 --> 00:09:22,560

nearly solid pieces of nickel and iron

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00:09:26,949 --> 00:09:24,959

do things that are very weak assemblages

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00:09:29,110 --> 00:09:26,959

of rocky materials mixed together with

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00:09:30,630 --> 00:09:29,120

isis that are very much like comets uh

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00:09:32,310 --> 00:09:30,640

they can sometimes in some cases we

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00:09:33,910 --> 00:09:32,320

think the comets that have just gotten

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00:09:36,230 --> 00:09:33,920

too close to their central star and have

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00:09:37,829 --> 00:09:36,240

lost a lot of their icy material on the

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00:09:40,389 --> 00:09:37,839

other hand you have the comets which are

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00:09:42,790 --> 00:09:40,399

mostly mixtures of ices and rocks held

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00:09:44,630 --> 00:09:42,800

held weakly together so these things

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00:09:46,230 --> 00:09:44,640

span the gamut sometimes we see objects

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00:09:47,750 --> 00:09:46,240

that look like from their orbits they

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00:09:50,310 --> 00:09:47,760

have perfectly normal main belt

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00:09:52,470 --> 00:09:50,320

asteroids nearly circular orbits and yet

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00:09:54,550 --> 00:09:52,480

sometimes they sprout tails just like a

289

00:09:55,990 --> 00:09:54,560

comet does and on the flip side like i

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00:09:57,430 --> 00:09:56,000

mentioned sometimes we see asteroids

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00:09:59,590 --> 00:09:57,440

where it looks like this thing used to

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00:10:01,350 --> 00:09:59,600

be a comet and it's just made one too

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00:10:03,269 --> 00:10:01,360

many passes by the sun

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00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:03,279

but in general that's uh that's why we

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00:10:06,949 --> 00:10:04,959

say near earth objects because we refer

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00:10:08,710 --> 00:10:06,959

to both classes of types of things

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00:10:11,269 --> 00:10:08,720

asteroids and comets

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00:10:13,190 --> 00:10:11,279

uh now the classification of something

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00:10:14,710 --> 00:10:13,200

as a near-earth object

300

00:10:16,550 --> 00:10:14,720

has to do with its per helium the

301  
00:10:18,870 --> 00:10:16,560  
closest approach point to the sun in its

302  
00:10:20,790 --> 00:10:18,880  
orbit to be classified as a neutral

303  
00:10:22,949 --> 00:10:20,800  
object it has to get within 1.3

304  
00:10:24,790 --> 00:10:22,959  
astronomical units of the sun that means

305  
00:10:25,910 --> 00:10:24,800  
1.3 times the distance between the earth

306  
00:10:27,829 --> 00:10:25,920  
and the sun

307  
00:10:29,110 --> 00:10:27,839  
and that's just how we how we classify

308  
00:10:30,710 --> 00:10:29,120  
these objects

309  
00:10:32,230 --> 00:10:30,720  
okay so from a from an origins

310  
00:10:34,310 --> 00:10:32,240  
perspective why would we care about

311  
00:10:35,829 --> 00:10:34,320  
these well of course they can impact the

312  
00:10:37,910 --> 00:10:35,839  
earth and and that can have major

313  
00:10:40,310 --> 00:10:37,920

consequences for life both both good and

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00:10:41,829 --> 00:10:40,320

bad uh these are sources of volatile

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00:10:43,190 --> 00:10:41,839

rich material that can be delivered to

316

00:10:45,110 --> 00:10:43,200

the earth there's been a lot of

317

00:10:46,550 --> 00:10:45,120

discussion about exactly what how much

318

00:10:48,630 --> 00:10:46,560

influence that had on the on the

319

00:10:50,470 --> 00:10:48,640

accumulation of water on the early earth

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00:10:52,470 --> 00:10:50,480

and of course obviously these objects

321

00:10:54,550 --> 00:10:52,480

can cause tremendous disruptions uh to

322

00:10:55,990 --> 00:10:54,560

our biosphere and and

323

00:10:56,790 --> 00:10:56,000

we'll see evidence of that here coming

324

00:10:58,870 --> 00:10:56,800

up

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00:11:01,110 --> 00:10:58,880

okay so so i have posed here four

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00:11:02,550 --> 00:11:01,120

questions about small bodies and we'll

327

00:11:03,509 --> 00:11:02,560

try and step through each one of these

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00:11:05,269 --> 00:11:03,519

here

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00:11:06,389 --> 00:11:05,279

to just from my perspective these are

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00:11:08,630 --> 00:11:06,399

questions that i that i think are

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00:11:11,190 --> 00:11:08,640

interesting for one thing

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00:11:13,670 --> 00:11:11,200

we would like to know uh when impacts

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00:11:15,430 --> 00:11:13,680

occur and in fact specifically we'd like

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00:11:16,790 --> 00:11:15,440

to know not just on a geological time

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00:11:18,069 --> 00:11:16,800

scale but we'd really like to know what

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00:11:19,910 --> 00:11:18,079

happens on what i would call a kind of a

337

00:11:21,829 --> 00:11:19,920

human time scale in other words the next

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00:11:23,509 --> 00:11:21,839

century or so we'd like to know what

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00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:23,519

will happen in our next century will

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00:11:27,030 --> 00:11:25,600

there be a major impact and if so how

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00:11:28,470 --> 00:11:27,040

bad might it be

342

00:11:30,870 --> 00:11:28,480

so we could answer both of these

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00:11:33,430 --> 00:11:30,880

questions by finding the objects

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00:11:34,630 --> 00:11:33,440

tracking their orbits uh and then also

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00:11:36,630 --> 00:11:34,640

being able to say something about the

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00:11:39,430 --> 00:11:36,640

severity of impact which basically boils

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00:11:41,350 --> 00:11:39,440

down to constraining the kinetic energy

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00:11:43,990 --> 00:11:41,360

and that in turn really just boils down

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00:11:46,550 --> 00:11:44,000

to the impact energy which is the mass

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00:11:47,990 --> 00:11:46,560

times the velocity squared

351  
00:11:49,670 --> 00:11:48,000  
we get the velocity once we know the

352  
00:11:51,269 --> 00:11:49,680  
orbit of the object so now the problem

353  
00:11:52,870 --> 00:11:51,279  
is how do we get a good estimate of its

354  
00:11:55,430 --> 00:11:52,880  
mass well that boils down to

355  
00:11:57,190 --> 00:11:55,440  
constraining density but the diameter is

356  
00:11:59,110 --> 00:11:57,200  
really the key parameter because the

357  
00:12:01,670 --> 00:11:59,120  
mass scales is the diameter cubed so in

358  
00:12:03,190 --> 00:12:01,680  
other words small uh small errors and

359  
00:12:04,629 --> 00:12:03,200  
measuring the size of the object can

360  
00:12:06,230 --> 00:12:04,639  
have a really big effect on the

361  
00:12:07,670 --> 00:12:06,240  
potential impact energy so we'd really

362  
00:12:08,870 --> 00:12:07,680  
like to know the size

363  
00:12:10,550 --> 00:12:08,880

then we have a whole host of other

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00:12:12,550 --> 00:12:10,560

parameters we'd like to understand such

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00:12:14,389 --> 00:12:12,560

as the density the porosity object's

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00:12:16,790 --> 00:12:14,399

shape spin state and multiplicity if it

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00:12:20,069 --> 00:12:16,800

has binary if it has any

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00:12:20,790 --> 00:12:20,079

binary or other moons that are orbiting

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00:12:22,069 --> 00:12:20,800

it

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00:12:24,710 --> 00:12:22,079

so these are some of the questions we'd

371

00:12:26,550 --> 00:12:24,720

like to know when and how bad

372

00:12:28,069 --> 00:12:26,560

and then from an origins perspective

373

00:12:30,150 --> 00:12:28,079

we'd also like to understand just you

374

00:12:32,710 --> 00:12:30,160

know how much of this primitive

375

00:12:34,870 --> 00:12:32,720

unprocessed or very minimally processed

376

00:12:36,629 --> 00:12:34,880

material is there among the small bodies

377

00:12:38,550 --> 00:12:36,639

in the solar system and we'd also like

378

00:12:40,550 --> 00:12:38,560

to understand how this material can can

379

00:12:42,790 --> 00:12:40,560

get transported through the solar system

380

00:12:45,110 --> 00:12:42,800

and eventually arrive at the earth

381

00:12:47,829 --> 00:12:45,120

so we'll look at that as well

382

00:12:49,990 --> 00:12:47,839

uh so from the question of when now

383

00:12:51,590 --> 00:12:50,000

going back uh so we have a really

384

00:12:53,829 --> 00:12:51,600

unusual event

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00:12:56,629 --> 00:12:53,839

in terms of uh asteroid science that

386

00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:56,639

occurred in 2013 and and this was really

387

00:13:01,110 --> 00:12:59,120

uh quite an amazing event because on

388

00:13:03,590 --> 00:13:01,120

this very day there was partic predicted

389

00:13:05,670 --> 00:13:03,600

to be a close approach of an object

390

00:13:07,430 --> 00:13:05,680

but its orbit was very very well known

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00:13:08,629 --> 00:13:07,440

and it was not supposed to impact the

392

00:13:10,389 --> 00:13:08,639

earth at all

393

00:13:11,750 --> 00:13:10,399

so when this occurred it was a huge

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00:13:13,750 --> 00:13:11,760

surprise

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00:13:15,110 --> 00:13:13,760

and i remember uh hearing about this on

396

00:13:16,790 --> 00:13:15,120

the radio and thinking that this doesn't

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00:13:18,389 --> 00:13:16,800

make any sense we knew this object was

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00:13:20,550 --> 00:13:18,399

going to pass and it had really really

399

00:13:22,470 --> 00:13:20,560

no chance of an impact as it turned out

400

00:13:24,949 --> 00:13:22,480

this was a huge cosmic coincidence there

401

00:13:26,550 --> 00:13:24,959

really was a second asteroid

402

00:13:28,710 --> 00:13:26,560

completely out of the blue it came from

403

00:13:29,910 --> 00:13:28,720

the direction on the sky nearly uh close

404

00:13:32,150 --> 00:13:29,920

to the sun

405

00:13:34,470 --> 00:13:32,160

and it exploded over over the surface of

406

00:13:36,310 --> 00:13:34,480

the earth in russia so here are the

407

00:13:38,069 --> 00:13:36,320

contrails one of the reasons this is an

408

00:13:39,990 --> 00:13:38,079

important event is because it is so well

409

00:13:41,509 --> 00:13:40,000

studied with all the dash cams and

410

00:13:44,069 --> 00:13:41,519

security cameras and cell phones that

411

00:13:45,750 --> 00:13:44,079

people had we have a really good idea of

412

00:13:47,430 --> 00:13:45,760

what its orbital trajectory was that's

413

00:13:48,550 --> 00:13:47,440

how we know it was a completely separate

414

00:13:50,389 --> 00:13:48,560

object

415

00:13:52,870 --> 00:13:50,399

from the original one that i that i

416

00:13:55,590 --> 00:13:52,880

mentioned and uh we also were able to

417

00:13:58,310 --> 00:13:55,600

recover fragments and pieces of it

418

00:14:00,150 --> 00:13:58,320

so it it broke a lot of windows this

419

00:14:02,230 --> 00:14:00,160

object exploded high up in the earth's

420

00:14:04,069 --> 00:14:02,240

atmosphere it was not large enough to

421

00:14:05,189 --> 00:14:04,079

make it in intact all the way to the

422

00:14:07,189 --> 00:14:05,199

ground

423

00:14:08,550 --> 00:14:07,199

so that's that's really really good but

424

00:14:09,990 --> 00:14:08,560

it was able to break a lot of windows

425

00:14:12,230 --> 00:14:10,000

and it did send

426

00:14:13,990 --> 00:14:12,240

about 1600 people or so to the hospital

427

00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:14,000

from mostly from injuries from broken

428

00:14:16,870 --> 00:14:15,040

glass

429

00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:16,880

people saw the explosion in the sky and

430

00:14:19,750 --> 00:14:18,000

they went to the windows to take

431

00:14:20,710 --> 00:14:19,760

pictures of it and then the shock wave

432

00:14:23,350 --> 00:14:20,720

hit

433

00:14:25,030 --> 00:14:23,360

so uh but this uh this does sort of beg

434

00:14:27,030 --> 00:14:25,040

the question as to exactly when the next

435

00:14:28,790 --> 00:14:27,040

impact might occur on time skills that

436

00:14:32,230 --> 00:14:28,800

you know we are caring about that we

437

00:14:34,389 --> 00:14:32,240

care about is as people uh in times on

438

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:34,399

on the scale of the next century or so

439

00:14:38,310 --> 00:14:36,480

okay so these guys uh they do make it

440

00:14:39,269 --> 00:14:38,320

out but yeah it was quite a surprise for

441

00:14:41,350 --> 00:14:39,279

everybody

442

00:14:43,110 --> 00:14:41,360

so again how often does this happen and

443

00:14:46,230 --> 00:14:43,120

what are we doing about it if anything

444

00:14:47,509 --> 00:14:46,240

um what should we be doing about it

445

00:14:50,310 --> 00:14:47,519

so uh

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00:14:52,629 --> 00:14:50,320

this now is a one of the very best

447

00:14:54,629 --> 00:14:52,639

studied objects right here and uh this

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00:14:57,030 --> 00:14:54,639

is of course the the famous chick salute

449

00:14:58,790 --> 00:14:57,040

impactor that hit off the gulf of mexico

450

00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:58,800

so the object that exploded over russia

451  
00:15:02,069 --> 00:15:00,240  
was very very tiny we think it was

452  
00:15:04,790 --> 00:15:02,079  
somewhere in the neighborhood of only 17

453  
00:15:06,470 --> 00:15:04,800  
to 20 meters across but this object was

454  
00:15:08,389 --> 00:15:06,480  
much larger this was an object that was

455  
00:15:10,310 --> 00:15:08,399  
somewhere between 5 to 10 kilometers

456  
00:15:12,069 --> 00:15:10,320  
across and now the impact doesn't just

457  
00:15:14,550 --> 00:15:12,079  
break windows of course it creates

458  
00:15:16,550 --> 00:15:14,560  
global global effects

459  
00:15:18,150 --> 00:15:16,560  
you can see here there's evidence of the

460  
00:15:20,710 --> 00:15:18,160  
of the ring structure of the crater that

461  
00:15:22,790 --> 00:15:20,720  
was left behind here this is a radar

462  
00:15:24,710 --> 00:15:22,800  
image from nasa

463  
00:15:26,310 --> 00:15:24,720

from the space shuttle and you can see

464

00:15:28,470 --> 00:15:26,320

here just the scale of it uh this

465

00:15:30,550 --> 00:15:28,480

created about a 200 mile uh or 200

466

00:15:32,629 --> 00:15:30,560

kilometer wide crater and the signs of

467

00:15:34,470 --> 00:15:32,639

the impact are spread across the globe

468

00:15:36,069 --> 00:15:34,480

in the fossil record

469

00:15:38,550 --> 00:15:36,079

it had an enormous effect on the earth's

470

00:15:40,470 --> 00:15:38,560

biosphere uh you've got i've got a plot

471

00:15:42,629 --> 00:15:40,480

here of the number of genera so one

472

00:15:44,389 --> 00:15:42,639

level up from species going back over

473

00:15:46,629 --> 00:15:44,399

roughly half a billion years and you can

474

00:15:47,990 --> 00:15:46,639

see the diversification of life as time

475

00:15:50,150 --> 00:15:48,000

goes on

476  
00:15:53,590 --> 00:15:50,160  
eventually reaching the the impact event

477  
00:15:55,829 --> 00:15:53,600  
here so it did really have a profound

478  
00:15:58,310 --> 00:15:55,839  
impact on the biosphere

479  
00:16:00,550 --> 00:15:58,320  
resulting in mass extinctions life does

480  
00:16:02,150 --> 00:16:00,560  
eventually recover but it takes of order

481  
00:16:03,990 --> 00:16:02,160  
you know say five to ten million years

482  
00:16:06,069 --> 00:16:04,000  
or so for for it to come back after that

483  
00:16:07,749 --> 00:16:06,079  
so it really did have a profound effect

484  
00:16:09,590 --> 00:16:07,759  
and of course uh was we believe

485  
00:16:11,350 --> 00:16:09,600  
responsible for the extinction of the

486  
00:16:13,189 --> 00:16:11,360  
dinosaurs

487  
00:16:14,629 --> 00:16:13,199  
so uh the question is how often does

488  
00:16:16,790 --> 00:16:14,639

this happen well we know that really

489

00:16:18,310 --> 00:16:16,800

large global impacts uh

490

00:16:20,150 --> 00:16:18,320

like the one that wiped out the

491

00:16:22,069 --> 00:16:20,160

dinosaurs really truly cannot be very

492

00:16:24,150 --> 00:16:22,079

frequent events or we would not be here

493

00:16:25,670 --> 00:16:24,160

human life probably would not be in its

494

00:16:27,509 --> 00:16:25,680

currently state if that was if that was

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00:16:28,949 --> 00:16:27,519

a frequent occurrence so we think that

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00:16:30,710 --> 00:16:28,959

things like this happen of roughly the

497

00:16:31,749 --> 00:16:30,720

scale every 100 no the sensible thing to

498

00:16:33,269 --> 00:16:31,759

do if we really want to answer the

499

00:16:35,509 --> 00:16:33,279

question of the next 100 years

500

00:16:36,949 --> 00:16:35,519

specifically is to go out and look but

501  
00:16:38,389 --> 00:16:36,959  
you can see evidence of craters here all

502  
00:16:40,790 --> 00:16:38,399  
across the earth uh this is a

503  
00:16:43,590 --> 00:16:40,800  
particularly large impactor similar to

504  
00:16:45,110 --> 00:16:43,600  
um to chiksulu not quite as big

505  
00:16:47,030 --> 00:16:45,120  
but this was an impact that probably

506  
00:16:49,030 --> 00:16:47,040  
occurred i think this is about 250

507  
00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:49,040  
million years ago ranging in size to

508  
00:16:55,350 --> 00:16:51,440  
about a kilometer across to another

509  
00:16:57,910 --> 00:16:55,360  
object that exploded over russia in 1908

510  
00:17:00,470 --> 00:16:57,920  
okay so another event that really caught

511  
00:17:02,310 --> 00:17:00,480  
the world's attention uh that these are

512  
00:17:03,829 --> 00:17:02,320  
impacts that can occur not just on on

513  
00:17:06,069 --> 00:17:03,839

geological time scales but really on

514

00:17:08,949 --> 00:17:06,079

human time skills is the discovery of a

515

00:17:09,829 --> 00:17:08,959

comet uh in 1992 called shoemaker levy

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00:17:11,189 --> 00:17:09,839

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00:17:13,189 --> 00:17:11,199

this was an object that was discovered

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00:17:15,429 --> 00:17:13,199

just prior to its impact with the planet

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00:17:18,069 --> 00:17:15,439

jupiter and jupiter sort of tore the

520

00:17:20,870 --> 00:17:18,079

object into pieces as it as it proceeded

521

00:17:22,230 --> 00:17:20,880

toward the impact in in 1994 and there

522

00:17:23,590 --> 00:17:22,240

was a lot of debate within the community

523

00:17:25,590 --> 00:17:23,600

about exactly what would happen to

524

00:17:27,590 --> 00:17:25,600

jupiter when the comet impacted on its

525

00:17:29,190 --> 00:17:27,600

surface and sure enough there's some

526

00:17:30,789 --> 00:17:29,200

some really spectacular images that were

527

00:17:33,350 --> 00:17:30,799

collected by by the hubble space

528

00:17:35,029 --> 00:17:33,360

telescope uh documenting that indeed you

529

00:17:37,190 --> 00:17:35,039

know the comet did leave detectable

530

00:17:39,270 --> 00:17:37,200

scars on the surface of jupiter

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00:17:40,630 --> 00:17:39,280

and in fact uh these are each one of

532

00:17:42,070 --> 00:17:40,640

these is sort of roughly the size of the

533

00:17:43,590 --> 00:17:42,080

earth itself so that certainly got

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00:17:45,830 --> 00:17:43,600

everybody's attention

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00:17:48,230 --> 00:17:45,840

and at present nasa has been given some

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00:17:50,150 --> 00:17:48,240

goals by congress uh so the first goal

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00:17:52,470 --> 00:17:50,160

was was the so-called space card goal

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00:17:54,750 --> 00:17:52,480

which was to find and track all of the

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00:17:56,870 --> 00:17:54,760

or well not all but about 90 of the

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00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:56,880

kilometer-sized and larger near-earth

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00:18:00,630 --> 00:17:58,960

asteroids now i didn't say comets but

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00:18:03,110 --> 00:18:00,640

nearest asteroids

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00:18:04,950 --> 00:18:03,120

and that took the community about about

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00:18:06,870 --> 00:18:04,960

10 years roughly to to complete and at

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00:18:09,270 --> 00:18:06,880

this point we now believe the good news

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00:18:10,870 --> 00:18:09,280

is that we've found more than 90 of all

547

00:18:12,950 --> 00:18:10,880

the kilometer and larger near-earth

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00:18:14,950 --> 00:18:12,960

asteroids so that's the great news

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00:18:16,630 --> 00:18:14,960

now congress has given nasa another

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00:18:18,710 --> 00:18:16,640

objective which is to find ninety

551  
00:18:19,750 --> 00:18:18,720  
percent of all objects of all the earth

552  
00:18:22,470 --> 00:18:19,760  
objects

553  
00:18:25,029 --> 00:18:22,480  
larger than 140 meters across now that

554  
00:18:27,350 --> 00:18:25,039  
seems a bit specific why 140 meters why

555  
00:18:29,430 --> 00:18:27,360  
not 100 why not 200 well roughly this is

556  
00:18:31,190 --> 00:18:29,440  
the size where this is an object now

557  
00:18:32,870 --> 00:18:31,200  
that's capable of causing what we might

558  
00:18:35,029 --> 00:18:32,880  
call severe regional damage so in other

559  
00:18:36,870 --> 00:18:35,039  
words uh damage on a pretty wide scale

560  
00:18:38,230 --> 00:18:36,880  
that would would certainly cause uh

561  
00:18:39,350 --> 00:18:38,240  
global effects

562  
00:18:44,230 --> 00:18:39,360  
in its

563  
00:18:46,630 --> 00:18:44,240

point that's what we're working on now

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00:18:48,310 --> 00:18:46,640

as a community and uh you know we're

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00:18:50,230 --> 00:18:48,320

making some progress but we have a lot

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00:18:52,789 --> 00:18:50,240

more work to do there this is the

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00:18:54,310 --> 00:18:52,799

current suite of of the uh observational

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00:18:55,669 --> 00:18:54,320

program carried out by nasa there are a

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00:18:56,789 --> 00:18:55,679

few other telescopes that i have not

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00:18:58,789 --> 00:18:56,799

shown here

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00:19:01,029 --> 00:18:58,799

but these are some of the workhorses so

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00:19:03,990 --> 00:19:01,039

we've got the catalina sky survey here

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00:19:07,190 --> 00:19:04,000

in arizona pan stars a few telescopes on

574

00:19:08,549 --> 00:19:07,200

hawaii in hawaii a new telescope that's

575

00:19:10,870 --> 00:19:08,559

being deployed in the southern

576  
00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:10,880  
hemisphere and i'll talk about neowise

577  
00:19:15,270 --> 00:19:13,120  
because that's the project i work on

578  
00:19:17,270 --> 00:19:15,280  
in space using infrared wavelengths of

579  
00:19:18,789 --> 00:19:17,280  
light instead of visible light unlike

580  
00:19:19,590 --> 00:19:18,799  
the other telescopes

581  
00:19:21,110 --> 00:19:19,600  
so

582  
00:19:23,110 --> 00:19:21,120  
this is the progress that we've made to

583  
00:19:25,510 --> 00:19:23,120  
date on the earth asteroid discoveries

584  
00:19:28,390 --> 00:19:25,520  
and if you separate these out by size

585  
00:19:30,470 --> 00:19:28,400  
the kilometer class near earth asteroids

586  
00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:30,480  
you can see here this curve is

587  
00:19:34,470 --> 00:19:32,880  
relatively flat which we believe at this

588  
00:19:36,070 --> 00:19:34,480

point means that we really have run out

589

00:19:37,430 --> 00:19:36,080

of most of the objects to discover that

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00:19:39,110 --> 00:19:37,440

we really have found the majority of

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00:19:41,270 --> 00:19:39,120

these objects in this very large size

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00:19:42,870 --> 00:19:41,280

category of asteroids but for the

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00:19:44,150 --> 00:19:42,880

smaller objects the curves just keep

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00:19:45,510 --> 00:19:44,160

going up and up and up meaning we

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00:19:47,029 --> 00:19:45,520

haven't come close to exhausting the

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00:19:49,350 --> 00:19:47,039

population yet

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00:19:51,029 --> 00:19:49,360

and if we break them down today with the

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00:19:52,710 --> 00:19:51,039

telescopes that we currently have right

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00:19:54,630 --> 00:19:52,720

now most of the things we're discovering

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00:19:56,230 --> 00:19:54,640

are on the smaller size

601  
00:19:58,070 --> 00:19:56,240  
end of the scale and that is because we

602  
00:19:59,750 --> 00:19:58,080  
are limited in what we can see we kind

603  
00:20:01,590 --> 00:19:59,760  
of just can't see that far away from the

604  
00:20:03,350 --> 00:20:01,600  
earth so we kind of have to wait for

605  
00:20:04,710 --> 00:20:03,360  
things to come to us and as i mentioned

606  
00:20:06,470 --> 00:20:04,720  
there are a lot more small pieces than

607  
00:20:08,390 --> 00:20:06,480  
there are really big ones so we're

608  
00:20:09,669 --> 00:20:08,400  
having a harder time

609  
00:20:11,750 --> 00:20:09,679  
achieving those really high levels of

610  
00:20:13,750 --> 00:20:11,760  
completeness on the larger objects and

611  
00:20:15,430 --> 00:20:13,760  
to do that we need more capability that

612  
00:20:17,430 --> 00:20:15,440  
can see further away

613  
00:20:19,669 --> 00:20:17,440

so at present when we look at the goal

614

00:20:20,950 --> 00:20:19,679

that nasa has been given by congress we

615

00:20:22,710 --> 00:20:20,960

think that we found somewhere in the

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00:20:24,710 --> 00:20:22,720

neighborhood of 30 to 40 percent of the

617

00:20:26,870 --> 00:20:24,720

objects large enough to cause that

618

00:20:28,470 --> 00:20:26,880

severe regional damage and up

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00:20:30,710 --> 00:20:28,480

so we still have a lot more work to do

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00:20:34,149 --> 00:20:30,720

and we have we are looking at some ways

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00:20:35,830 --> 00:20:34,159

to expand capability uh as as mentioned

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00:20:38,070 --> 00:20:35,840

in in the introduction i am working on a

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00:20:40,070 --> 00:20:38,080

new project with with the team to build

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00:20:41,350 --> 00:20:40,080

a more comprehensive survey telescope

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00:20:43,029 --> 00:20:41,360

that will be capable of seeing things

626  
00:20:44,549 --> 00:20:43,039  
further away it's called the new earth

627  
00:20:46,310 --> 00:20:44,559  
object surveyor

628  
00:20:47,590 --> 00:20:46,320  
and its objectives are simply to to go

629  
00:20:49,990 --> 00:20:47,600  
out and fill out our knowledge of that

630  
00:20:51,750 --> 00:20:50,000  
population of objects that are large

631  
00:20:53,590 --> 00:20:51,760  
enough to cause severe regional damage

632  
00:20:55,510 --> 00:20:53,600  
and then hopefully hopefully help to

633  
00:20:57,190 --> 00:20:55,520  
provide some guidance on things like the

634  
00:20:58,789 --> 00:20:57,200  
sizes of the objects we'd like to really

635  
00:20:59,909 --> 00:20:58,799  
be able to find these objects and do a

636  
00:21:02,470 --> 00:20:59,919  
sort of a basic physical

637  
00:21:04,149 --> 00:21:02,480  
characterization of them and do it as

638  
00:21:07,190 --> 00:21:04,159

quickly as possible

639

00:21:09,190 --> 00:21:07,200

okay so uh so that's uh that's the new

640

00:21:10,630 --> 00:21:09,200

earth object surveyor mission uh which

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00:21:12,390 --> 00:21:10,640

we expect to discover hundreds of

642

00:21:14,390 --> 00:21:12,400

thousands of new nerf objects and

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00:21:17,190 --> 00:21:14,400

millions of more distant objects in the

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00:21:19,990 --> 00:21:17,200

solar system uh it will do so by

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00:21:21,909 --> 00:21:20,000

operating at the earth sun l1 lagrange

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00:21:23,430 --> 00:21:21,919

point so the idea is to be just outside

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00:21:26,870 --> 00:21:23,440

the orbit of the moon where we can sit

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00:21:28,390 --> 00:21:26,880

and survey these very wide swaths of sky

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00:21:31,830 --> 00:21:28,400

and in particular we really want to look

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00:21:33,830 --> 00:21:31,840

for asteroids that have very similar

651  
00:21:35,110 --> 00:21:33,840  
very earth-like orbits orbit similar to

652  
00:21:37,110 --> 00:21:35,120  
the earth because that allows them to

653  
00:21:38,149 --> 00:21:37,120  
have more chances of making a close

654  
00:21:39,190 --> 00:21:38,159  
approach

655  
00:21:41,430 --> 00:21:39,200  
i'm going to go through this a little

656  
00:21:43,510 --> 00:21:41,440  
quickly here but basically the idea is

657  
00:21:45,270 --> 00:21:43,520  
we have ground-based telescopes like the

658  
00:21:47,909 --> 00:21:45,280  
veracity ruben observatory that's coming

659  
00:21:49,590 --> 00:21:47,919  
online that will survey uh large swaths

660  
00:21:52,310 --> 00:21:49,600  
of the night sky and we'll be looking

661  
00:21:54,549 --> 00:21:52,320  
over here at these cones uh that sort of

662  
00:21:56,230 --> 00:21:54,559  
uh look at the the regions of the earth

663  
00:21:57,669 --> 00:21:56,240

that are closer to the or

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00:21:59,909 --> 00:21:57,679

rather regions of space that are closer

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00:22:02,310 --> 00:21:59,919

to the sun on the sky so it'll provide

666

00:22:03,830 --> 00:22:02,320

some complementary capability uh to look

667

00:22:05,990 --> 00:22:03,840

out for all kinds of different asteroids

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00:22:07,590 --> 00:22:06,000

including ones that have very circular

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00:22:09,750 --> 00:22:07,600

earth-like orbits as well as ones that

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00:22:12,630 --> 00:22:09,760

have more elliptical orbits

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00:22:14,470 --> 00:22:12,640

okay so in any event if we get going on

672

00:22:16,710 --> 00:22:14,480

the sky as we expect

673

00:22:17,990 --> 00:22:16,720

we hopefully will reach

674

00:22:19,830 --> 00:22:18,000

with all of the surveys combined

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00:22:21,669 --> 00:22:19,840

together uh in

676  
00:22:24,070 --> 00:22:21,679  
not too very long we will be able to get

677  
00:22:26,070 --> 00:22:24,080  
pretty close to that 90 goal given to

678  
00:22:27,270 --> 00:22:26,080  
nasa by congress so if we do that

679  
00:22:29,270 --> 00:22:27,280  
hopefully we'll have a quite

680  
00:22:31,270 --> 00:22:29,280  
comprehensive survey of the near-earth

681  
00:22:34,149 --> 00:22:31,280  
objects in our solar system

682  
00:22:36,470 --> 00:22:34,159  
and in the not-too-distant future

683  
00:22:38,070 --> 00:22:36,480  
so how do we do this well we've got to

684  
00:22:40,149 --> 00:22:38,080  
look for things that move and of course

685  
00:22:42,310 --> 00:22:40,159  
there's a lot of confusing sources out

686  
00:22:44,070 --> 00:22:42,320  
there in the sky including stars

687  
00:22:46,390 --> 00:22:44,080  
galaxies and even other more distant

688  
00:22:48,789 --> 00:22:46,400

asteroids that really pose no no hazard

689

00:22:51,669 --> 00:22:48,799

whatsoever uh if we take this example

690

00:22:53,590 --> 00:22:51,679

image uh from the from the existing

691

00:22:56,950 --> 00:22:53,600

space telescope that we have which is

692

00:22:58,470 --> 00:22:56,960

neowise we can take a look at uh what we

693

00:23:00,470 --> 00:22:58,480

expect the field of view to be from the

694

00:23:02,149 --> 00:23:00,480

earth object surveyor missions so it

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00:23:04,149 --> 00:23:02,159

will be a pretty large swath of sky

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00:23:05,350 --> 00:23:04,159

we'll see at any one time

697

00:23:06,870 --> 00:23:05,360

there's all kinds of interesting things

698

00:23:08,390 --> 00:23:06,880

in the sky that we have to watch out for

699

00:23:10,230 --> 00:23:08,400

though there are potential sources of

700

00:23:13,110 --> 00:23:10,240

confusion like this lovely planetary

701  
00:23:16,789 --> 00:23:13,120  
nebula here a bunch of galaxies clusters

702  
00:23:18,390 --> 00:23:16,799  
of galaxies uh interstellar dust

703  
00:23:20,230 --> 00:23:18,400  
other artifacts from the telescope

704  
00:23:21,270 --> 00:23:20,240  
itself so how do we find the asteroids

705  
00:23:23,909 --> 00:23:21,280  
in all of this

706  
00:23:25,270 --> 00:23:23,919  
well in this particular set of data from

707  
00:23:27,270 --> 00:23:25,280  
ys

708  
00:23:29,590 --> 00:23:27,280  
we can start to suppress the background

709  
00:23:31,669 --> 00:23:29,600  
sources so basically map the things that

710  
00:23:33,990 --> 00:23:31,679  
don't move and mask them out or subtract

711  
00:23:35,270 --> 00:23:34,000  
them out and now we can just barely

712  
00:23:37,110 --> 00:23:35,280  
start to see

713  
00:23:38,230 --> 00:23:37,120

the moving objects popping out and there

714

00:23:39,990 --> 00:23:38,240

they are

715

00:23:41,750 --> 00:23:40,000

these are mostly main belt asteroids

716

00:23:43,750 --> 00:23:41,760

however these are asteroids that are far

717

00:23:45,750 --> 00:23:43,760

away and never make really close

718

00:23:48,149 --> 00:23:45,760

approaches to the earth so we care about

719

00:23:49,830 --> 00:23:48,159

them from a scientific standpoint but

720

00:23:50,870 --> 00:23:49,840

from a hazard perspective we want to get

721

00:23:52,230 --> 00:23:50,880

rid of them we want to we want to

722

00:23:53,510 --> 00:23:52,240

eliminate them

723

00:23:55,350 --> 00:23:53,520

there are other artifacts we have to

724

00:23:57,669 --> 00:23:55,360

watch out for we can start to identify

725

00:23:59,669 --> 00:23:57,679

these ones as known objects

726

00:24:01,590 --> 00:23:59,679

but here is a particular one and you can

727

00:24:03,350 --> 00:24:01,600

see its motion is quite different on the

728

00:24:04,390 --> 00:24:03,360

sky from the more distant main belt

729

00:24:05,750 --> 00:24:04,400

asteroids

730

00:24:07,510 --> 00:24:05,760

this object is what we call a

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00:24:09,669 --> 00:24:07,520

potentially hazardous asteroid it has

732

00:24:11,190 --> 00:24:09,679

one that means its orbit carries it uh

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00:24:12,310 --> 00:24:11,200

quite close to the earth's orbit doesn't

734

00:24:13,750 --> 00:24:12,320

mean that there'll ever be a collision

735

00:24:15,190 --> 00:24:13,760

with this object or anything like that

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00:24:17,669 --> 00:24:15,200

but it does mean this is an object that

737

00:24:19,110 --> 00:24:17,679

we pay much more careful attention to

738

00:24:21,350 --> 00:24:19,120

and these are the real targets of our

739

00:24:23,750 --> 00:24:21,360

search from the hazard perspective

740

00:24:25,669 --> 00:24:23,760

okay so if we are successful in our

741

00:24:27,750 --> 00:24:25,679

efforts to get the the survey telescope

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00:24:29,990 --> 00:24:27,760

built basically once it launches it will

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00:24:31,350 --> 00:24:30,000

very quickly go out and survey the the

744

00:24:33,029 --> 00:24:31,360

asteroid belt

745

00:24:36,230 --> 00:24:33,039

and the near object population it should

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00:24:37,990 --> 00:24:36,240

accumulate a lot of things very quickly

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00:24:39,590 --> 00:24:38,000

and hopefully getting us very close to

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00:24:41,750 --> 00:24:39,600

that ninety percent goal given by

749

00:24:43,669 --> 00:24:41,760

congress to nasa

750

00:24:45,669 --> 00:24:43,679

okay so that's a little bit about the

751  
00:24:47,269 --> 00:24:45,679  
when question if we can find the objects

752  
00:24:48,390 --> 00:24:47,279  
get good orbits for them we can figure

753  
00:24:50,230 --> 00:24:48,400  
out when they might make close

754  
00:24:53,269 --> 00:24:50,240  
approaches but now the question of how

755  
00:24:55,029 --> 00:24:53,279  
bad an impact might be can be answered

756  
00:24:56,549 --> 00:24:55,039  
and to do that we need to make some some

757  
00:24:57,990 --> 00:24:56,559  
basic measurements like i said of the

758  
00:25:00,070 --> 00:24:58,000  
object's physical properties most

759  
00:25:01,350 --> 00:25:00,080  
important are the diameters as well as

760  
00:25:03,269 --> 00:25:01,360  
the densities

761  
00:25:05,110 --> 00:25:03,279  
so we're turning back to that object

762  
00:25:07,669 --> 00:25:05,120  
that exploded over russia this is the

763  
00:25:09,750 --> 00:25:07,679

single largest crater if you will that

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00:25:12,789 --> 00:25:09,760

that the object made and it's basically

765

00:25:14,070 --> 00:25:12,799

a six meter wide hole in in an icy lake

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00:25:17,350 --> 00:25:14,080

this is the largest piece that was

767

00:25:18,630 --> 00:25:17,360

recovered right here on the flip side

768

00:25:21,430 --> 00:25:18,640

like i said this was an object that was

769

00:25:23,269 --> 00:25:21,440

relatively small about 20 meters across

770

00:25:25,350 --> 00:25:23,279

i broke a lot of windows but there was

771

00:25:27,590 --> 00:25:25,360

no big crater on the other hand if the

772

00:25:29,750 --> 00:25:27,600

object is just slightly larger at 50

773

00:25:31,990 --> 00:25:29,760

meters across now instead of a small

774

00:25:34,230 --> 00:25:32,000

hole in the ice you get a kilometer wide

775

00:25:35,590 --> 00:25:34,240

crater on the ground i actually have a

776

00:25:37,110 --> 00:25:35,600

couple of pieces of meteorites here

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00:25:38,149 --> 00:25:37,120

which i'll hold up i hope everybody can

778

00:25:40,230 --> 00:25:38,159

see these

779

00:25:42,710 --> 00:25:40,240

but this little piece right here this is

780

00:25:44,310 --> 00:25:42,720

a piece of chelyabinsk so the uh the

781

00:25:45,350 --> 00:25:44,320

object right here this is one of the

782

00:25:48,549 --> 00:25:45,360

fragments

783

00:25:50,390 --> 00:25:48,559

and i also have a little fragment of the

784

00:25:52,149 --> 00:25:50,400

object that made the crater on the right

785

00:25:53,350 --> 00:25:52,159

so this one it's a bigger piece but i

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00:25:55,590 --> 00:25:53,360

don't know if you can see it's it's

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00:25:58,230 --> 00:25:55,600

really heavy and that's because its

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00:26:00,630 --> 00:25:58,240

predominant composition is iron

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00:26:02,310 --> 00:26:00,640

so you can see even very small changes

790

00:26:04,950 --> 00:26:02,320

in the size of the object

791

00:26:06,470 --> 00:26:04,960

uh when combined with uh with its with

792

00:26:08,149 --> 00:26:06,480

its density can make a very big

793

00:26:09,990 --> 00:26:08,159

difference in the outcome so that's why

794

00:26:11,510 --> 00:26:10,000

we'd like to measure the sizes and we'd

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00:26:13,110 --> 00:26:11,520

like to have some way to constrain

796

00:26:14,230 --> 00:26:13,120

important properties like density as

797

00:26:17,190 --> 00:26:14,240

well

798

00:26:19,110 --> 00:26:17,200

okay so in measuring diameters we have

799

00:26:20,630 --> 00:26:19,120

several different tools in our arsenal

800

00:26:21,990 --> 00:26:20,640

that we can use

801  
00:26:23,830 --> 00:26:22,000  
one of the ones that we've been working

802  
00:26:25,830 --> 00:26:23,840  
with in my group is to use infrared

803  
00:26:27,909 --> 00:26:25,840  
measurements so in other words if we

804  
00:26:30,789 --> 00:26:27,919  
look at different uh the spectral energy

805  
00:26:32,870 --> 00:26:30,799  
distribution of typical asteroids so you

806  
00:26:34,070 --> 00:26:32,880  
can see that it consists of kind of two

807  
00:26:36,070 --> 00:26:34,080  
curves here

808  
00:26:37,830 --> 00:26:36,080  
in the visible portion of the spectrum

809  
00:26:39,990 --> 00:26:37,840  
you can see reflected sunlight bouncing

810  
00:26:42,710 --> 00:26:40,000  
off the surfaces of the object and then

811  
00:26:44,870 --> 00:26:42,720  
it's re-radiated as heat as the sun

812  
00:26:47,190 --> 00:26:44,880  
warms up the asteroid it get it gets

813  
00:26:48,470 --> 00:26:47,200

re-radiated in these longer thermal

814

00:26:50,710 --> 00:26:48,480

infrared wavelengths and the four

815

00:26:54,230 --> 00:26:50,720

colorful bands here represent the four

816

00:26:56,149 --> 00:26:54,240

filters that we use on the wise mission

817

00:26:58,070 --> 00:26:56,159

i've got two different albedos here

818

00:26:59,909 --> 00:26:58,080

albedo is how much light is reflected

819

00:27:03,350 --> 00:26:59,919

off the surface of the object

820

00:27:06,390 --> 00:27:03,360

this right here is a is a more typical

821

00:27:07,510 --> 00:27:06,400

stony object at 17 reflectivity here and

822

00:27:09,350 --> 00:27:07,520

i'm holding up the little piece of

823

00:27:11,510 --> 00:27:09,360

chelubins in other words these objects

824

00:27:12,950 --> 00:27:11,520

are kind of lighter in color

825

00:27:14,710 --> 00:27:12,960

on the flip side we have objects that

826

00:27:16,789 --> 00:27:14,720

are extremely dark

827

00:27:18,789 --> 00:27:16,799

and reflect very little sunlight in

828

00:27:21,190 --> 00:27:18,799

optical wavelengths and here is a piece

829

00:27:22,549 --> 00:27:21,200

of a very primitive type of meteorite

830

00:27:24,549 --> 00:27:22,559

called allende

831

00:27:26,710 --> 00:27:24,559

you can see it's it's quite dark

832

00:27:28,389 --> 00:27:26,720

in color so so they range in in

833

00:27:29,830 --> 00:27:28,399

reflectivities quite dramatically and

834

00:27:32,389 --> 00:27:29,840

this can have a big influence on how

835

00:27:34,389 --> 00:27:32,399

detectable the objects are also uh how

836

00:27:35,510 --> 00:27:34,399

well we can measure the size so in a

837

00:27:37,590 --> 00:27:35,520

nutshell

838

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:37,600

if we can collect thermal infrared

839

00:27:42,549 --> 00:27:40,080

measure measurements that sample how

840

00:27:44,389 --> 00:27:42,559

much heat the object is emitting

841

00:27:46,710 --> 00:27:44,399

we can if we know the distance to the

842

00:27:47,990 --> 00:27:46,720

object we can turn that into a pretty

843

00:27:49,350 --> 00:27:48,000

good measurement of the object's

844

00:27:51,350 --> 00:27:49,360

diameter

845

00:27:53,269 --> 00:27:51,360

now i kept mentioning the wise mission

846

00:27:55,590 --> 00:27:53,279

this is an earth orbiting telescope that

847

00:27:56,789 --> 00:27:55,600

was launched in late 2009

848

00:27:57,909 --> 00:27:56,799

and it was really designed to do

849

00:28:00,630 --> 00:27:57,919

something else the principal

850

00:28:02,870 --> 00:28:00,640

investigator is ned wright of ucla

851  
00:28:04,710 --> 00:28:02,880  
and it completed its prime mission uh

852  
00:28:06,470 --> 00:28:04,720  
making a map of the entire sky at these

853  
00:28:08,070 --> 00:28:06,480  
four infrared wavelengths that you see

854  
00:28:09,190 --> 00:28:08,080  
here ranging from three to twenty two

855  
00:28:12,870 --> 00:28:09,200  
microns

856  
00:28:14,389 --> 00:28:12,880  
uh it finished its mission in 2010 um

857  
00:28:15,990 --> 00:28:14,399  
but it turned out that even though its

858  
00:28:17,430 --> 00:28:16,000  
primary science objective was not to

859  
00:28:19,350 --> 00:28:17,440  
look at asteroids it was actually quite

860  
00:28:22,630 --> 00:28:19,360  
successful at doing so and we've been

861  
00:28:24,549 --> 00:28:22,640  
able to measure uh about 190 some small

862  
00:28:26,230 --> 00:28:24,559  
bodies including a couple thousand new

863  
00:28:28,389 --> 00:28:26,240

earth objects with it

864

00:28:30,310 --> 00:28:28,399

it completed its prime mission in 2010

865

00:28:31,430 --> 00:28:30,320

and we thought that was the end of it

866

00:28:33,990 --> 00:28:31,440

but

867

00:28:36,230 --> 00:28:34,000

nasa asked us to switch it back on using

868

00:28:39,110 --> 00:28:36,240

its two remaining channels after the two

869

00:28:41,029 --> 00:28:39,120

longest wavelengths channels uh

870

00:28:42,549 --> 00:28:41,039

are no longer operational and so now

871

00:28:44,070 --> 00:28:42,559

today we are surveying asteroids and

872

00:28:46,149 --> 00:28:44,080

comets using these two remaining

873

00:28:48,070 --> 00:28:46,159

channels here at uh three and five

874

00:28:50,070 --> 00:28:48,080

microns

875

00:28:51,669 --> 00:28:50,080

so uh today we're continuing to measure

876

00:28:53,510 --> 00:28:51,679

asteroids and and

877

00:28:55,029 --> 00:28:53,520

even though predominantly uh we're not

878

00:28:56,870 --> 00:28:55,039

discovering that many objects anymore

879

00:28:58,630 --> 00:28:56,880

what we're really good at doing is

880

00:29:00,549 --> 00:28:58,640

measuring their sizes and that's that's

881

00:29:01,510 --> 00:29:00,559

what the focus of the investigation has

882

00:29:03,430 --> 00:29:01,520

been

883

00:29:05,350 --> 00:29:03,440

uh when we look at the sky

884

00:29:07,029 --> 00:29:05,360

another reason for for using infrared

885

00:29:09,590 --> 00:29:07,039

light to look for these objects is that

886

00:29:11,350 --> 00:29:09,600

the asteroids kind of stick out brightly

887

00:29:12,630 --> 00:29:11,360

compared to the stars

888

00:29:14,789 --> 00:29:12,640

and that gives us an advantage in

889

00:29:16,950 --> 00:29:14,799

finding objects particularly those that

890

00:29:18,870 --> 00:29:16,960

are already are made of

891

00:29:19,990 --> 00:29:18,880

less reflective material and that's

892

00:29:21,830 --> 00:29:20,000

helpful

893

00:29:23,830 --> 00:29:21,840

so even though invisible wavelengths of

894

00:29:25,669 --> 00:29:23,840

light an object might

895

00:29:27,750 --> 00:29:25,679

look like it is

896

00:29:29,110 --> 00:29:27,760

different brightnesses it could just be

897

00:29:30,870 --> 00:29:29,120

that we are sampling objects with

898

00:29:33,430 --> 00:29:30,880

different reflectivities and and

899

00:29:34,310 --> 00:29:33,440

different sizes in other words uh it

900

00:29:35,830 --> 00:29:34,320

lets us

901  
00:29:37,190 --> 00:29:35,840  
if we use infrared light we can tell the

902  
00:29:39,269 --> 00:29:37,200  
difference between an object that is

903  
00:29:41,669 --> 00:29:39,279  
small but highly reflective

904  
00:29:43,510 --> 00:29:41,679  
versus one that's much larger but has a

905  
00:29:45,350 --> 00:29:43,520  
very low reflectivity surface sort of

906  
00:29:47,750 --> 00:29:45,360  
like a piece of charcoal

907  
00:29:48,789 --> 00:29:47,760  
okay so uh i'm going to kind of whip

908  
00:29:50,230 --> 00:29:48,799  
through these i'm not going to walk

909  
00:29:53,350 --> 00:29:50,240  
through the equations but the point of

910  
00:29:54,630 --> 00:29:53,360  
this is to just simply say if we have a

911  
00:29:56,470 --> 00:29:54,640  
good measurement of an object's

912  
00:29:58,789 --> 00:29:56,480  
brightness at infrared wavelengths and

913  
00:30:01,190 --> 00:29:58,799

we know the distance to the object

914

00:30:02,389 --> 00:30:01,200

then we can actually calculate

915

00:30:03,909 --> 00:30:02,399

its size

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00:30:06,230 --> 00:30:03,919

and the way we do that is we have to

917

00:30:08,870 --> 00:30:06,240

make a measurement of its temperature

918

00:30:11,990 --> 00:30:08,880

and convert that measured infrared flux

919

00:30:14,389 --> 00:30:12,000

or the heat from the object back into a

920

00:30:16,470 --> 00:30:14,399

diameter and that is that is what we do

921

00:30:17,990 --> 00:30:16,480

with what we call thermal modeling so

922

00:30:19,430 --> 00:30:18,000

basically in this case we would make an

923

00:30:21,750 --> 00:30:19,440

assumption of the way the temperature is

924

00:30:24,310 --> 00:30:21,760

distributed around the asteroid and then

925

00:30:25,669 --> 00:30:24,320

from there we can we can back calculate

926  
00:30:27,750 --> 00:30:25,679  
the size

927  
00:30:29,190 --> 00:30:27,760  
so if we do that we can now get a pretty

928  
00:30:31,350 --> 00:30:29,200  
good measurement of how big the object

929  
00:30:33,990 --> 00:30:31,360  
is which goes back to the question of

930  
00:30:36,470 --> 00:30:34,000  
how severe an impact is likely to be

931  
00:30:37,430 --> 00:30:36,480  
we can also in some cases calculate

932  
00:30:41,669 --> 00:30:37,440  
uh

933  
00:30:43,269 --> 00:30:41,679  
the reflectivity and then helps us learn

934  
00:30:44,789 --> 00:30:43,279  
something about its its probable

935  
00:30:46,950 --> 00:30:44,799  
composition

936  
00:30:48,389 --> 00:30:46,960  
okay so if we're successful with getting

937  
00:30:50,070 --> 00:30:48,399  
good thermal infrared measurements we

938  
00:30:51,990 --> 00:30:50,080

can usually constrain the diameters to

939

00:30:53,750 --> 00:30:52,000

between sort of 10 to 20 percent on

940

00:30:56,070 --> 00:30:53,760

average occasionally you can do a little

941

00:30:56,789 --> 00:30:56,080

better if you have a lot of observations

942

00:30:58,470 --> 00:30:56,799

but

943

00:31:00,230 --> 00:30:58,480

i would say with with good sampling you

944

00:31:01,990 --> 00:31:00,240

can you can typically know the diameters

945

00:31:03,350 --> 00:31:02,000

quite well on the other hand if all you

946

00:31:05,269 --> 00:31:03,360

have is a visible light measurement it's

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00:31:07,269 --> 00:31:05,279

harder to do this in general

948

00:31:09,029 --> 00:31:07,279

simply because you have a pretty wide

949

00:31:11,669 --> 00:31:09,039

range of potential reflectivities of the

950

00:31:12,470 --> 00:31:11,679

surface that we have to account for

951  
00:31:14,310 --> 00:31:12,480

okay

952  
00:31:16,310 --> 00:31:14,320

and in addition the infrared light is is

953  
00:31:18,070 --> 00:31:16,320

sensitive to both the highly reflective

954  
00:31:19,509 --> 00:31:18,080

objects as well as the the really dark

955  
00:31:21,669 --> 00:31:19,519

ones and that helps us get a very good

956  
00:31:24,549 --> 00:31:21,679

census of the population to understand

957  
00:31:26,789 --> 00:31:24,559

exactly how many objects are out there

958  
00:31:28,789 --> 00:31:26,799

so when we do this with neowise we

959  
00:31:30,070 --> 00:31:28,799

basically can make a plot of the sizes

960  
00:31:31,750 --> 00:31:30,080

of the objects compared to the

961  
00:31:33,590 --> 00:31:31,760

reflectivity

962  
00:31:35,430 --> 00:31:33,600

and one of the things we found is that

963  
00:31:37,350 --> 00:31:35,440

when we make this sample of near-earth

964

00:31:39,269 --> 00:31:37,360

asteroids that are chosen purely based

965

00:31:41,269 --> 00:31:39,279

on the how much heat they emit they're

966

00:31:43,029 --> 00:31:41,279

12 micron flux so how much light are

967

00:31:45,029 --> 00:31:43,039

they emitting

968

00:31:46,630 --> 00:31:45,039

in the thermal infrared what we see is

969

00:31:48,230 --> 00:31:46,640

that there there really isn't a huge

970

00:31:50,389 --> 00:31:48,240

change in the distribution of the ratio

971

00:31:52,549 --> 00:31:50,399

of dark to bright objects over a fairly

972

00:31:54,789 --> 00:31:52,559

broad range of sizes in other words we

973

00:31:56,070 --> 00:31:54,799

believe that there are these smaller low

974

00:31:58,789 --> 00:31:56,080

albedo objects out there in the

975

00:32:00,149 --> 00:31:58,799

population um but you you have to look

976  
00:32:01,190 --> 00:32:00,159  
in such a way that you can actually see

977  
00:32:02,389 --> 00:32:01,200  
them

978  
00:32:03,830 --> 00:32:02,399  
so uh

979  
00:32:05,110 --> 00:32:03,840  
other things that we have noticed in the

980  
00:32:06,710 --> 00:32:05,120  
course of doing this survey is that

981  
00:32:08,070 --> 00:32:06,720  
objects that are discovered using the

982  
00:32:10,230 --> 00:32:08,080  
infrared telescope tend to be on the

983  
00:32:11,750 --> 00:32:10,240  
larger size and they are predominantly

984  
00:32:15,110 --> 00:32:11,760  
low albedo

985  
00:32:16,789 --> 00:32:15,120  
portion of the population that we

986  
00:32:18,389 --> 00:32:16,799  
believe is out there but can be

987  
00:32:20,070 --> 00:32:18,399  
difficult for visible light telescopes

988  
00:32:22,389 --> 00:32:20,080

to see simply because they're optically

989

00:32:24,710 --> 00:32:22,399

dark and that means they're faint

990

00:32:26,549 --> 00:32:24,720

but they are there nonetheless

991

00:32:28,789 --> 00:32:26,559

so what is the nature of this and how

992

00:32:31,110 --> 00:32:28,799

much of this of this low albedo material

993

00:32:32,710 --> 00:32:31,120

uh as i've said before this is some of

994

00:32:34,549 --> 00:32:32,720

the least processed material in the

995

00:32:36,230 --> 00:32:34,559

solar system it comes from the farther

996

00:32:37,350 --> 00:32:36,240

more distant reaches of the pre-solar

997

00:32:39,269 --> 00:32:37,360

nebula

998

00:32:40,789 --> 00:32:39,279

uh so it's it's evolved in a region

999

00:32:42,310 --> 00:32:40,799

where it's very cold

1000

00:32:44,070 --> 00:32:42,320

and it hasn't experienced a lot of

1001  
00:32:45,990 --> 00:32:44,080  
thermal processing over the course of

1002  
00:32:47,750 --> 00:32:46,000  
the solar system's evolution

1003  
00:32:49,590 --> 00:32:47,760  
we believe from our survey with neo-wise

1004  
00:32:50,950 --> 00:32:49,600  
that roughly 30 percent of the objects

1005  
00:32:53,350 --> 00:32:50,960  
that make it into near-earth object

1006  
00:32:54,630 --> 00:32:53,360  
space are made of this low albedo

1007  
00:32:56,630 --> 00:32:54,640  
material and of course some of that is

1008  
00:32:59,430 --> 00:32:56,640  
getting delivered to earth

1009  
00:33:03,430 --> 00:32:59,440  
so we also now have samples

1010  
00:33:05,269 --> 00:33:03,440  
back from one of the uh from a very well

1011  
00:33:07,110 --> 00:33:05,279  
studied uh primitive asteroid called

1012  
00:33:08,950 --> 00:33:07,120  
ryugu that was the subject of the

1013  
00:33:10,710 --> 00:33:08,960

hayabusa2 mission so this was a

1014

00:33:13,110 --> 00:33:10,720

spacecraft that actually uh was launched

1015

00:33:14,950 --> 00:33:13,120

by jackson that went to this asteroid

1016

00:33:16,310 --> 00:33:14,960

collected a sample of it and has brought

1017

00:33:18,070 --> 00:33:16,320

it back to the earth

1018

00:33:20,630 --> 00:33:18,080

and you can see it here

1019

00:33:23,029 --> 00:33:20,640

it's extremely dark uh material and it

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00:33:25,029 --> 00:33:23,039

looks uh it looks like charcoal

1021

00:33:27,669 --> 00:33:25,039

so i've got uh like i said i've got a

1022

00:33:29,430 --> 00:33:27,679

sample of this this object here

1023

00:33:31,029 --> 00:33:29,440

this is another primitive meteorite

1024

00:33:32,230 --> 00:33:31,039

that's been found on the on the on the

1025

00:33:33,990 --> 00:33:32,240

earth

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00:33:36,230 --> 00:33:34,000

but yeah you can see that this is this

1027

00:33:37,909 --> 00:33:36,240

is material that is extremely dark

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00:33:40,630 --> 00:33:37,919

and so we believe that this is material

1029

00:33:43,029 --> 00:33:40,640

that uh that is often um

1030

00:33:45,350 --> 00:33:43,039

altered by the presence of water that

1031

00:33:47,509 --> 00:33:45,360

has been mixed throughout the material

1032

00:33:49,269 --> 00:33:47,519

and over time has produced a lot of

1033

00:33:51,190 --> 00:33:49,279

complex chemicals that uh that have

1034

00:33:52,470 --> 00:33:51,200

arisen so this this in turn could be

1035

00:33:54,630 --> 00:33:52,480

very important for

1036

00:33:56,149 --> 00:33:54,640

how life evolves on not just our planet

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00:33:57,830 --> 00:33:56,159

but potentially others in other solar

1038

00:34:00,149 --> 00:33:57,840

systems as well

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00:34:01,750 --> 00:34:00,159

so uh where is this material presently

1040

00:34:03,590 --> 00:34:01,760

distributed throughout our solar system

1041

00:34:05,110 --> 00:34:03,600

well uh we know in a broad sense how

1042

00:34:07,190 --> 00:34:05,120

this works but now let's take a look at

1043

00:34:09,190 --> 00:34:07,200

exactly how the details seem to have

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00:34:10,629 --> 00:34:09,200

evolved so in

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00:34:13,430 --> 00:34:10,639

in asteroids we have what we call

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00:34:15,190 --> 00:34:13,440

families of objects you have objects

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00:34:16,629 --> 00:34:15,200

that basically undergo catastrophic

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00:34:19,270 --> 00:34:16,639

disruptions they collide with other

1049

00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:19,280

asteroids and create a shower fragments

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00:34:22,950 --> 00:34:20,720

and that's how we get groupings of

1051  
00:34:24,950 --> 00:34:22,960  
asteroids that share similar orbits and

1052  
00:34:26,629 --> 00:34:24,960  
similar physical properties

1053  
00:34:29,270 --> 00:34:26,639  
we believe that they origin originated

1054  
00:34:31,030 --> 00:34:29,280  
from a common parent body by looking at

1055  
00:34:32,710 --> 00:34:31,040  
the characteristics of these families we

1056  
00:34:34,230 --> 00:34:32,720  
can sort of map out the distribution of

1057  
00:34:36,629 --> 00:34:34,240  
this carbonaceous material throughout

1058  
00:34:39,109 --> 00:34:36,639  
the solar system and try to understand a

1059  
00:34:40,790 --> 00:34:39,119  
little better how it is distributed

1060  
00:34:42,550 --> 00:34:40,800  
so when we do this

1061  
00:34:43,909 --> 00:34:42,560  
this is my colleague joe mccerro who

1062  
00:34:45,589 --> 00:34:43,919  
made these plots

1063  
00:34:47,430 --> 00:34:45,599

we can basically look at the orbital

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00:34:49,750 --> 00:34:47,440

properties of asteroids so now if we

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00:34:51,349 --> 00:34:49,760

look throughout the main asteroid belt

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00:34:53,750 --> 00:34:51,359

so this is the region between mars and

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00:34:55,750 --> 00:34:53,760

jupiter here and if we plot this uh

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00:34:57,349 --> 00:34:55,760

semi-major axis of the orbit so in other

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00:34:59,990 --> 00:34:57,359

words how how far away do the objects

1070

00:35:01,670 --> 00:35:00,000

get from the sun compared to their

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00:35:03,349 --> 00:35:01,680

inclination so this is basically how

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00:35:04,630 --> 00:35:03,359

tilted the orbit is

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00:35:06,550 --> 00:35:04,640

when we look at this we can see some

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00:35:08,470 --> 00:35:06,560

really distinctive patterns

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00:35:09,750 --> 00:35:08,480

when we plot them by their geometric

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00:35:11,750 --> 00:35:09,760

albedo

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00:35:13,190 --> 00:35:11,760

so the reflectivities you can now see

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00:35:14,230 --> 00:35:13,200

that there are these these clusterings

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00:35:14,950 --> 00:35:14,240

here

1080

00:35:19,270 --> 00:35:14,960

in

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00:35:21,430 --> 00:35:19,280

very similar orbital elements they're

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00:35:23,430 --> 00:35:21,440

grouped together and they have similar

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00:35:25,750 --> 00:35:23,440

reflectivities of their surfaces so they

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00:35:27,829 --> 00:35:25,760

seem to be uh made of similar material

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00:35:29,430 --> 00:35:27,839

potentially we call these asteroid

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00:35:31,829 --> 00:35:29,440

families and we believe that these are

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00:35:33,750 --> 00:35:31,839

the products of catastrophic disruptions

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00:35:35,510 --> 00:35:33,760

so the something collides with another

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00:35:38,150 --> 00:35:35,520

asteroid and it creates the shower

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00:35:40,550 --> 00:35:38,160

fragments and they stick together

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00:35:42,710 --> 00:35:40,560

throughout throughout the main belt when

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00:35:44,470 --> 00:35:42,720

we subtract these asteroid families from

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00:35:46,310 --> 00:35:44,480

the background population of all the

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00:35:47,990 --> 00:35:46,320

asteroids that we know about in other

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00:35:49,670 --> 00:35:48,000

words these are the ones we believe are

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00:35:51,750 --> 00:35:49,680

dynamically connected together that they

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00:35:52,710 --> 00:35:51,760

did share a common parent a long time

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00:35:54,710 --> 00:35:52,720

ago

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00:35:56,150 --> 00:35:54,720

when we take these out we can now look

1100

00:35:57,430 --> 00:35:56,160

at the background distribution of

1101

00:35:59,270 --> 00:35:57,440

asteroids you can see that the the

1102

00:36:01,030 --> 00:35:59,280

subtraction of the asteroid families is

1103

00:36:03,589 --> 00:36:01,040

not completely perfect but there are

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00:36:05,349 --> 00:36:03,599

some trends that emerge uh the material

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00:36:07,589 --> 00:36:05,359

appears to get darker in its

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00:36:09,990 --> 00:36:07,599

reflectivity as you go further out into

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00:36:11,910 --> 00:36:10,000

the solar system so as we ex as we go

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00:36:13,750 --> 00:36:11,920

from the inner edge of the asteroid belt

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00:36:15,750 --> 00:36:13,760

all the way out to its to its outer

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00:36:18,790 --> 00:36:15,760

extent you can see that the material is

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00:36:20,390 --> 00:36:18,800

becoming in general uh lower in albedo

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00:36:22,470 --> 00:36:20,400

and we believe that means that this is

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00:36:24,550 --> 00:36:22,480

where some of the most uh primitive

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00:36:26,790 --> 00:36:24,560

material lies in the outer parts of the

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00:36:28,470 --> 00:36:26,800

of the asteroid belt

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00:36:30,470 --> 00:36:28,480

but occasionally some of it does make

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00:36:32,310 --> 00:36:30,480

its way to the earth

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00:36:34,150 --> 00:36:32,320

so uh one of the other things that we've

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00:36:35,990 --> 00:36:34,160

looked at is when we take the collection

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00:36:37,270 --> 00:36:36,000

now instead of main valve asteroids when

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00:36:38,550 --> 00:36:37,280

we go back to the near earth object

1122

00:36:40,790 --> 00:36:38,560

population because this is the

1123

00:36:42,310 --> 00:36:40,800

population that is actually capable of

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00:36:43,349 --> 00:36:42,320

reaching the earth itself in the present

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00:36:45,589 --> 00:36:43,359

day

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00:36:47,990 --> 00:36:45,599

we can look at the different categories

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00:36:50,390 --> 00:36:48,000

of earth asteroids and so again plotting

1128

00:36:52,310 --> 00:36:50,400

semi-major axis versus

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00:36:54,550 --> 00:36:52,320

orbital inclination so again the tilting

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00:36:56,150 --> 00:36:54,560

of the orbit or its eccentricity which

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00:36:58,069 --> 00:36:56,160

is essentially how elliptical the orbit

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00:36:59,990 --> 00:36:58,079

is there are some trends when we look at

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00:37:02,230 --> 00:37:00,000

the albedos we can see that near-earth

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00:37:03,829 --> 00:37:02,240

asteroids that extend in their orbits

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00:37:05,510 --> 00:37:03,839

that have orbits that carry them further

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00:37:07,589 --> 00:37:05,520

out into the asteroid belt they tend on

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00:37:09,190 --> 00:37:07,599

average to have lower reflectivities

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00:37:11,270 --> 00:37:09,200

than the ones that have more circular

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00:37:13,270 --> 00:37:11,280

and more earth-like orbits so that's

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00:37:16,390 --> 00:37:13,280

another general trend

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00:37:17,270 --> 00:37:16,400

that we found using the neo-wise data

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00:37:18,790 --> 00:37:17,280

but

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00:37:20,390 --> 00:37:18,800

we'd really like to like i said we'd

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00:37:22,310 --> 00:37:20,400

really like to understand exactly the

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00:37:24,630 --> 00:37:22,320

nature of this material and and how it

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00:37:26,870 --> 00:37:24,640

gets transported to the earth uh from an

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00:37:29,109 --> 00:37:26,880

origins perspective i think so again

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00:37:30,550 --> 00:37:29,119

these these objects are are uh things

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00:37:33,190 --> 00:37:30,560

that have been altered by the presence

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00:37:35,270 --> 00:37:33,200

of water throughout their their matrices

1151  
00:37:36,870 --> 00:37:35,280  
and at present they do contain materials

1152  
00:37:37,910 --> 00:37:36,880  
such as phyllosilicates in other words

1153  
00:37:40,150 --> 00:37:37,920  
clays

1154  
00:37:41,430 --> 00:37:40,160  
as well as amino acids so really

1155  
00:37:44,310 --> 00:37:41,440  
exciting from an origins of life

1156  
00:37:46,310 --> 00:37:44,320  
perspective uh to see that these objects

1157  
00:37:48,150 --> 00:37:46,320  
have such complex chemistry

1158  
00:37:49,750 --> 00:37:48,160  
okay so now let's look at a little bit

1159  
00:37:51,109 --> 00:37:49,760  
of the delivery mechanisms just so you

1160  
00:37:53,190 --> 00:37:51,119  
have an understanding of how this

1161  
00:37:55,270 --> 00:37:53,200  
material does arrive at the earth uh or

1162  
00:37:57,270 --> 00:37:55,280  
how we think it arrives at the earth

1163  
00:37:58,870 --> 00:37:57,280

in the present epoch

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00:38:00,230 --> 00:37:58,880

now i had mentioned before that when

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00:38:01,990 --> 00:38:00,240

something is in the main asteroid belt

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00:38:03,510 --> 00:38:02,000

it stays there on average for billions

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00:38:05,510 --> 00:38:03,520

of years most of the time that's what

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00:38:06,790 --> 00:38:05,520

happens however there are a couple of

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00:38:08,630 --> 00:38:06,800

exceptions

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00:38:10,870 --> 00:38:08,640

it is possible to move through the main

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00:38:12,390 --> 00:38:10,880

asteroid belt and make it into near

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00:38:13,829 --> 00:38:12,400

object space

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00:38:16,630 --> 00:38:13,839

via a couple of different important

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00:38:17,910 --> 00:38:16,640

mechanisms one is called yarkovsky drift

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00:38:19,430 --> 00:38:17,920

and i'll explain that in a minute and

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00:38:21,829 --> 00:38:19,440

the other is through resonances with

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00:38:23,190 --> 00:38:21,839

planets so uh kind of a broad way to

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00:38:25,430 --> 00:38:23,200

think about it is the influence of

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00:38:26,950 --> 00:38:25,440

sunlight and the influence of gravity

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00:38:28,470 --> 00:38:26,960

let's look at the first one here and

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00:38:29,990 --> 00:38:28,480

these slides are from a colleague of

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00:38:31,510 --> 00:38:30,000

mine who i thought did a really nice job

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00:38:33,349 --> 00:38:31,520

of illustrating this

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00:38:35,030 --> 00:38:33,359

you can imagine that

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00:38:36,550 --> 00:38:35,040

there's something that happens to

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00:38:37,670 --> 00:38:36,560

asteroids when they get heated up by the

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00:38:39,910 --> 00:38:37,680

sun

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00:38:42,390 --> 00:38:39,920

the conservation of energy requires that

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00:38:44,470 --> 00:38:42,400

the the energy has to go somewhere

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00:38:47,270 --> 00:38:44,480

energy is absorbed by an asteroid and

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00:38:49,589 --> 00:38:47,280

that can cause it to uh to basically

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00:38:50,710 --> 00:38:49,599

have a essentially a recoil action if

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00:38:52,870 --> 00:38:50,720

you will

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00:38:55,589 --> 00:38:52,880

as the sunlight is is absorbed and then

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00:38:57,030 --> 00:38:55,599

re-radiated as the asteroid rotates

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00:38:58,550 --> 00:38:57,040

and that actually kind of causes a

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00:39:00,950 --> 00:38:58,560

little kick to its orbit and it can

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00:39:02,870 --> 00:39:00,960

actually push the object into a spiral

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00:39:04,310 --> 00:39:02,880

inward or outward in other words it

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00:39:06,790 --> 00:39:04,320

changes the orbit

1201  
00:39:08,069 --> 00:39:06,800  
even just that faint effective sunlight

1202  
00:39:09,829 --> 00:39:08,079  
being absorbed by the object and

1203  
00:39:12,310 --> 00:39:09,839  
re-radiated at a certain time of its

1204  
00:39:14,069 --> 00:39:12,320  
local day is enough to change its orbit

1205  
00:39:16,470 --> 00:39:14,079  
now it takes a very long time for this

1206  
00:39:18,790 --> 00:39:16,480  
effect to happen this is not fast

1207  
00:39:20,870 --> 00:39:18,800  
the saxon very slow time scales but it's

1208  
00:39:23,190 --> 00:39:20,880  
enough to cause gradual drifting of the

1209  
00:39:25,589 --> 00:39:23,200  
object's orbits and when that happens

1210  
00:39:26,790 --> 00:39:25,599  
now gravitational resonances can take

1211  
00:39:28,310 --> 00:39:26,800  
over here and i've got a couple of

1212  
00:39:31,190 --> 00:39:28,320  
examples of what i mean when i say

1213  
00:39:33,510 --> 00:39:31,200

resonances uh this is an example of what

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00:39:35,349 --> 00:39:33,520

we would call a two to one resonance so

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00:39:37,109 --> 00:39:35,359

imagine if you're swinging on a swing

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00:39:38,470 --> 00:39:37,119

set and you you kick your legs and if

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00:39:41,030 --> 00:39:38,480

you kick your legs at just the right

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00:39:42,630 --> 00:39:41,040

point in your swing you'll go higher and

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00:39:45,109 --> 00:39:42,640

higher and higher well the same thing

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00:39:46,950 --> 00:39:45,119

happens with planets and asteroids once

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00:39:49,109 --> 00:39:46,960

objects orbits get locked into certain

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00:39:51,589 --> 00:39:49,119

classes of resonances if you put an

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00:39:53,829 --> 00:39:51,599

asteroid near these planets now what

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00:39:55,910 --> 00:39:53,839

will happen is its eccentricity the the

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00:39:57,589 --> 00:39:55,920

squashiness of the orbit if you will can

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00:39:59,589 --> 00:39:57,599

get pumped up and can get can get

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00:40:01,670 --> 00:39:59,599

increased dramatically and that can

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00:40:03,190 --> 00:40:01,680

really change the orbit fast

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00:40:04,790 --> 00:40:03,200

so basically you've got a couple of

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00:40:06,870 --> 00:40:04,800

different classes of resonance that

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00:40:08,470 --> 00:40:06,880

resonances that can happen with planets

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00:40:09,990 --> 00:40:08,480

in our solar system

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00:40:12,790 --> 00:40:10,000

and when asteroids get into these

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00:40:15,270 --> 00:40:12,800

resonant regions uh they can basically

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00:40:16,630 --> 00:40:15,280

get acted upon just like a slingshot

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00:40:18,550 --> 00:40:16,640

and here's another example of a

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00:40:20,470 --> 00:40:18,560

different type of resonance uh in this

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00:40:22,470 --> 00:40:20,480

case the two planets start out out of

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00:40:24,550 --> 00:40:22,480

resonance but here now you can see the

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00:40:26,309 --> 00:40:24,560

effects of them being in resonance

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00:40:29,270 --> 00:40:26,319

you can see their aphelia they reach

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00:40:31,430 --> 00:40:29,280

appelia and perihelia at the same time

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00:40:33,670 --> 00:40:31,440

and that can again cause this really

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00:40:35,829 --> 00:40:33,680

dramatic effect on an asteroid's orbit

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00:40:38,309 --> 00:40:35,839

if it just gets into the wrong place

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00:40:40,069 --> 00:40:38,319

in between these planets here so like a

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00:40:42,230 --> 00:40:40,079

slingshot all of a sudden now the orbit

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00:40:43,990 --> 00:40:42,240

can change really quickly

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00:40:46,069 --> 00:40:44,000

so here's an example of this if we look

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00:40:48,630 --> 00:40:46,079

at a certain region of the main asteroid

1251  
00:40:49,990 --> 00:40:48,640  
belt in semi-major axis so distance from

1252  
00:40:51,430 --> 00:40:50,000  
the sun roughly

1253  
00:40:53,349 --> 00:40:51,440  
it was one way to think of it versus the

1254  
00:40:55,829 --> 00:40:53,359  
object's eccentricity so how round is

1255  
00:40:57,910 --> 00:40:55,839  
the orbit uh if we start off with a set

1256  
00:40:59,829 --> 00:40:57,920  
of test asteroids here and we let them

1257  
00:41:02,470 --> 00:40:59,839  
evolve you can see when they cross into

1258  
00:41:04,470 --> 00:41:02,480  
these gravitational resonances which are

1259  
00:41:06,710 --> 00:41:04,480  
marked out here in green now you can see

1260  
00:41:09,270 --> 00:41:06,720  
the eccentricities change very quickly

1261  
00:41:10,790 --> 00:41:09,280  
and the asteroids can can dramatically

1262  
00:41:12,230 --> 00:41:10,800  
change their orbits

1263  
00:41:15,270 --> 00:41:12,240

and what this means for the nearest

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00:41:17,670 --> 00:41:15,280

asteroids is that you can start off here

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00:41:19,430 --> 00:41:17,680

and in a certain region of space a

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00:41:21,349 --> 00:41:19,440

certain orbit and now you can get

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00:41:22,870 --> 00:41:21,359

involved very quickly

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00:41:25,349 --> 00:41:22,880

on time scales of just a few million

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00:41:27,829 --> 00:41:25,359

years into planet crossing orbits and

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00:41:29,910 --> 00:41:27,839

now you can have impacts

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00:41:31,670 --> 00:41:29,920

so in conclusion i would say small

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00:41:33,109 --> 00:41:31,680

bodies influence life on earth and

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00:41:35,270 --> 00:41:33,119

that's why they're interesting from both

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00:41:36,710 --> 00:41:35,280

a hazard perspective as well as an

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00:41:38,309 --> 00:41:36,720

origins perspective so with that i'll

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00:41:41,430 --> 00:41:38,319

stop here and

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00:41:41,440 --> 00:41:46,150

[Applause]

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00:42:01,589 --> 00:41:47,829

wow thank you very much that was an

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00:42:11,030 --> 00:42:02,870

all right

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00:42:14,550 --> 00:42:12,790

thank you so much for your talk i was

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00:42:16,550 --> 00:42:14,560

really curious about

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00:42:19,430 --> 00:42:16,560

when you were specifying like the nasa

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00:42:21,829 --> 00:42:19,440

wanting 90 of um near-earth objects

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00:42:23,109 --> 00:42:21,839

being detected um how do you establish

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00:42:24,790 --> 00:42:23,119

those thresholds when you don't know

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00:42:26,950 --> 00:42:24,800

what's left out there

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00:42:29,030 --> 00:42:26,960

that's a really really really important

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00:42:30,870 --> 00:42:29,040

question and there are a couple of ways

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00:42:32,630 --> 00:42:30,880

that we answer that

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00:42:34,390 --> 00:42:32,640

one is what we call the re-detection

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00:42:36,150 --> 00:42:34,400

method so in other words each time we

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00:42:38,230 --> 00:42:36,160

discover an asteroid we give it a name

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00:42:41,349 --> 00:42:38,240

and we can keep track of it so one way

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00:42:43,109 --> 00:42:41,359

to test this is to see how often we

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00:42:45,030 --> 00:42:43,119

come up with objects that we've seen

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00:42:46,950 --> 00:42:45,040

before in other words

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00:42:48,309 --> 00:42:46,960

if we keep seeing objects and now after

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00:42:49,829 --> 00:42:48,319

a certain period of time we just keep

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00:42:51,670 --> 00:42:49,839

finding ones that we've seen over and

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00:42:53,910 --> 00:42:51,680

over and over again and we stop finding

1301  
00:42:55,910 --> 00:42:53,920  
new ones that's a clue that maybe we're

1302  
00:42:57,510 --> 00:42:55,920  
starting to run out of objects

1303  
00:42:58,790 --> 00:42:57,520  
but it could also mean that our survey

1304  
00:43:00,870 --> 00:42:58,800  
is simply not very sensitive that's

1305  
00:43:02,710 --> 00:43:00,880  
another possibility so to rule that out

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00:43:04,309 --> 00:43:02,720  
we have a second technique that we use

1307  
00:43:06,390 --> 00:43:04,319  
where you essentially make a synthetic

1308  
00:43:08,550 --> 00:43:06,400  
population of asteroids so you assign

1309  
00:43:10,790 --> 00:43:08,560  
them synthetic orbits and sizes and so

1310  
00:43:13,030 --> 00:43:10,800  
forth and you essentially build a model

1311  
00:43:15,270 --> 00:43:13,040  
of your survey you basically sort of

1312  
00:43:16,790 --> 00:43:15,280  
play a movie if you will of

1313  
00:43:18,309 --> 00:43:16,800

using the synthetic population of

1314

00:43:20,710 --> 00:43:18,319

asteroids and you play it through your

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00:43:22,309 --> 00:43:20,720

survey and you see what the synthetic

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00:43:23,510 --> 00:43:22,319

survey

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00:43:25,430 --> 00:43:23,520

actually comes out with and then you

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00:43:28,150 --> 00:43:25,440

compare it to what you actually saw and

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00:43:29,829 --> 00:43:28,160

you tune your input population until

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00:43:31,589 --> 00:43:29,839

these two things match essentially and

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00:43:32,950 --> 00:43:31,599

then that tells you okay this is how

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00:43:34,390 --> 00:43:32,960

many objects are actually out there in

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00:43:35,829 --> 00:43:34,400

the population and then this is the

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00:43:36,630 --> 00:43:35,839

fraction that we we believe that we

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00:43:37,829 --> 00:43:36,640

found

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00:43:39,589 --> 00:43:37,839

so in other words there's a couple of

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00:43:41,349 --> 00:43:39,599

ways that we can use to get at what we

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00:43:42,710 --> 00:43:41,359

think is really there

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00:43:44,630 --> 00:43:42,720

and they work

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00:43:45,829 --> 00:43:44,640

uh like i said we're pretty sure at this

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00:43:47,670 --> 00:43:45,839

point we found the majority of the

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00:43:48,390 --> 00:43:47,680

really big nearest asteroids and we

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00:43:50,309 --> 00:43:48,400

think we're somewhere in the

1334

00:43:53,109 --> 00:43:50,319

neighborhood of 30 to 40 percent for the

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00:43:58,630 --> 00:43:53,119

the 140 meter class objects

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00:44:02,790 --> 00:44:00,550

yes it made sense thank you

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00:44:04,630 --> 00:44:02,800

okay thanks

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00:44:06,710 --> 00:44:04,640

hi dr mainzer thank you so much for the

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00:44:09,030 --> 00:44:06,720

talk it was really interesting

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00:44:10,150 --> 00:44:09,040

i had a quick question on

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00:44:13,750 --> 00:44:10,160

um

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00:44:17,030 --> 00:44:13,760

basically the chelyabinsk uh impact you

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00:44:18,470 --> 00:44:17,040

had said something the effect of it

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00:44:20,230 --> 00:44:18,480

we thought that we had tracked something

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00:44:21,430 --> 00:44:20,240

that wouldn't come anywhere close and

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00:44:23,109 --> 00:44:21,440

then it turned out there was something

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00:44:24,630 --> 00:44:23,119

that we didn't realize that was sort of

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00:44:25,910 --> 00:44:24,640

out of the blue i think you said it was

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00:44:28,150 --> 00:44:25,920

the direction of the sun or something

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00:44:30,630 --> 00:44:28,160

like that so i guess my question is to

1351  
00:44:33,750 --> 00:44:30,640  
what extent do we have an estimate of

1352  
00:44:36,710 --> 00:44:33,760  
similar situations happening where

1353  
00:44:38,790 --> 00:44:36,720  
we might get misled about uh potential

1354  
00:44:40,550 --> 00:44:38,800  
impacts or things like that

1355  
00:44:42,150 --> 00:44:40,560  
yeah this is uh so this is a key

1356  
00:44:44,230 --> 00:44:42,160  
question for an object of the size of

1357  
00:44:46,150 --> 00:44:44,240  
the chevy vinci impactor at about 17 to

1358  
00:44:48,710 --> 00:44:46,160  
20 meters across we only know a few

1359  
00:44:50,550 --> 00:44:48,720  
percent of those objects are present

1360  
00:44:52,790 --> 00:44:50,560  
so it is they're just really hard to

1361  
00:44:54,390 --> 00:44:52,800  
find because they are faint we have to

1362  
00:44:56,309 --> 00:44:54,400  
wait until they get really close until

1363  
00:44:57,990 --> 00:44:56,319

we can spot them at all and in the case

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00:45:00,069 --> 00:44:58,000

of this particular object the direction

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00:45:02,630 --> 00:45:00,079

that it came from as it made that final

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00:45:03,829 --> 00:45:02,640

plunge uh really was nearly in the

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00:45:05,750 --> 00:45:03,839

direction of the sun and that's a

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00:45:07,670 --> 00:45:05,760

direction our telescopes just can't look

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00:45:09,430 --> 00:45:07,680

because the sun is so bright

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00:45:10,870 --> 00:45:09,440

so yes it can definitely happen that's

1371

00:45:12,790 --> 00:45:10,880

why we're trying to expand our search

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00:45:14,230 --> 00:45:12,800

capabilities so that we have more

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00:45:17,190 --> 00:45:14,240

telescopes looking in more different

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00:45:19,270 --> 00:45:17,200

directions with greater sensitivity that

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00:45:20,870 --> 00:45:19,280

said i mean we still can't look right in

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00:45:22,950 --> 00:45:20,880

those regions very close to the sun

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00:45:25,030 --> 00:45:22,960

that's really hard to do so with the

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00:45:26,550 --> 00:45:25,040

surveyor we're going to try to survey um

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00:45:28,710 --> 00:45:26,560

pretty close we'll get to within about

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00:45:30,950 --> 00:45:28,720

45 degrees of the sun

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00:45:33,030 --> 00:45:30,960

on the sky but uh but that's

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00:45:34,390 --> 00:45:33,040

it's it's still we'll expand our

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00:45:35,510 --> 00:45:34,400

capability but they're definitely still

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00:45:40,870 --> 00:45:35,520

going to be objects where we're not

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00:45:45,109 --> 00:45:42,470

dr mainzer thank you for your talk so

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00:45:47,430 --> 00:45:45,119

far and uh wanted to ask if you could

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00:45:49,589 --> 00:45:47,440

address the question around earthbound

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00:45:51,990 --> 00:45:49,599

observations of neos

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00:45:54,309 --> 00:45:52,000

with respect to mega constellations like

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00:45:55,829 --> 00:45:54,319

starlink or oneweb and what the impact

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00:45:58,390 --> 00:45:55,839

of those would be obviously it'd be

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00:45:59,670 --> 00:45:58,400

great to be more space-based but that's

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00:46:00,390 --> 00:45:59,680

really expensive but if you could

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00:46:02,550 --> 00:46:00,400

address

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00:46:04,630 --> 00:46:02,560

earth-based observations and the impact

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00:46:06,470 --> 00:46:04,640

on these mega constellations

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00:46:07,910 --> 00:46:06,480

absolutely and that's a very important

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00:46:09,510 --> 00:46:07,920

point and i have some colleagues who are

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00:46:11,349 --> 00:46:09,520

doing some really wonderful work on this

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00:46:13,190 --> 00:46:11,359

uh to try to understand the impacts and

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00:46:15,349 --> 00:46:13,200

quantify them better i mean certainly

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00:46:17,270 --> 00:46:15,359

from a from an observer's perspective

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00:46:18,870 --> 00:46:17,280

more things that are potential sources

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00:46:20,390 --> 00:46:18,880

of confusion are not good it doesn't

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00:46:21,349 --> 00:46:20,400

make the problem easier let's put it

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00:46:23,910 --> 00:46:21,359

that way

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00:46:25,670 --> 00:46:23,920

it can only make it harder so it's uh

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00:46:27,349 --> 00:46:25,680

it's definitely not helping

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00:46:30,230 --> 00:46:27,359

and the more objects there are the more

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00:46:33,510 --> 00:46:30,240

confusion that they will cause

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00:46:35,589 --> 00:46:33,520

so it's it's not a good trend

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00:46:37,030 --> 00:46:35,599

there is a paper that just came out by

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00:46:38,390 --> 00:46:37,040

some colleagues

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00:46:39,990 --> 00:46:38,400  
working with the zwiki transient

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00:46:42,069 --> 00:46:40,000  
facility

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00:46:43,750 --> 00:46:42,079  
who have tried to start quantifying you

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00:46:46,550 --> 00:46:43,760  
know what they're seeing today

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00:46:49,030 --> 00:46:46,560  
and um yeah i mean it is it is really a

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00:46:50,309 --> 00:46:49,040  
source of concern i think because uh it

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00:46:52,950 --> 00:46:50,319  
just certainly doesn't make the problem

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00:46:54,790 --> 00:46:52,960  
any easier right now uh the paper from

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00:46:56,230 --> 00:46:54,800  
the ztf team indicates that you know

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00:46:57,750 --> 00:46:56,240  
they can they can do a fairly effective

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00:46:59,030 --> 00:46:57,760  
job of masking them out if they know

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00:47:01,270 --> 00:46:59,040  
where they are

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00:47:02,710 --> 00:47:01,280  
but as the constellations grow it's just

1427  
00:47:03,910 --> 00:47:02,720  
going to get to be a harder problem

1428  
00:47:05,670 --> 00:47:03,920  
absolutely

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00:47:08,950 --> 00:47:05,680  
so i would say not good is the short

1430  
00:47:14,069 --> 00:47:10,550  
uh we've got a couple of questions

1431  
00:47:16,630 --> 00:47:14,079  
coming in from online uh one question is

1432  
00:47:19,990 --> 00:47:16,640  
in light of the influence of small

1433  
00:47:22,150 --> 00:47:20,000  
bodies and delivery of the objects

1434  
00:47:24,069 --> 00:47:22,160  
and the materials in them to earth and

1435  
00:47:26,470 --> 00:47:24,079  
places like that what are your views on

1436  
00:47:28,710 --> 00:47:26,480  
the theory of panspermia

1437  
00:47:31,670 --> 00:47:28,720  
oh boy well i'm certainly no expert on

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00:47:33,750 --> 00:47:31,680

the origins of life but i will say it's

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00:47:35,910 --> 00:47:33,760

just really fascinating to think about

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00:47:38,150 --> 00:47:35,920

uh there's a whole set of really really

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00:47:39,270 --> 00:47:38,160

interesting experiments that just show

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00:47:41,190 --> 00:47:39,280

how

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00:47:43,589 --> 00:47:41,200

complex chemistry grows on the surfaces

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00:47:46,069 --> 00:47:43,599

of dust grains uh and

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00:47:47,910 --> 00:47:46,079

dr ishii showed that i showed that slide

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00:47:49,670 --> 00:47:47,920

from her for her imaging of a dust

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00:47:51,589 --> 00:47:49,680

particle well basically we think that

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00:47:53,990 --> 00:47:51,599

these are wonderful surfaces

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00:47:55,589 --> 00:47:54,000

for for chemicals to to meet up and

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00:47:56,950 --> 00:47:55,599

become more complex chemistry

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essentially

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00:48:02,390 --> 00:47:59,200

so the surfaces of dust grains are great

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00:48:03,270 --> 00:48:02,400

nucleation sites for for uh chemistry to

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00:48:05,109 --> 00:48:03,280

happen

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00:48:06,790 --> 00:48:05,119

especially as they're irradiated by

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00:48:08,069 --> 00:48:06,800

their host stars

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00:48:09,270 --> 00:48:08,079

so

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00:48:11,190 --> 00:48:09,280

you know

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00:48:12,950 --> 00:48:11,200

could life have evolved elsewhere i mean

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there's so many planets now that we know

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about it it seems to me that it would be

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00:48:18,069 --> 00:48:16,000

very probable

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00:48:19,910 --> 00:48:18,079

exactly the mechanisms though that

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00:48:21,430 --> 00:48:19,920

that's a mystery and i sure hope people

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00:48:26,230 --> 00:48:21,440

will work on that because i think it's

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00:48:31,190 --> 00:48:28,790

awesome uh and another question from

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00:48:33,510 --> 00:48:31,200

youtube uh dr mainzer you mentioned that

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00:48:35,190 --> 00:48:33,520

these small near-earth asteroids contain

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00:48:37,510 --> 00:48:35,200

amino acids

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00:48:39,030 --> 00:48:37,520

as a microbiology phd student my

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00:48:41,430 --> 00:48:39,040

question is how are the building blocks

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00:48:43,109 --> 00:48:41,440

of life incorporated into asteroids so

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00:48:45,109 --> 00:48:43,119

very similar question

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00:48:46,710 --> 00:48:45,119

right okay so we are definitely testing

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00:48:47,990 --> 00:48:46,720

the boundaries of my knowledge here but

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00:48:49,190 --> 00:48:48,000

i'll tell you what i know which is

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00:48:51,829 --> 00:48:49,200

basically that

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00:48:53,589 --> 00:48:51,839

um that yeah that we know that we can

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00:48:55,829 --> 00:48:53,599

study these objects as they as they come

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00:48:57,510 --> 00:48:55,839

to earth in the form of meteorites um so

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00:49:00,549 --> 00:48:57,520

like i said here this this particular

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00:49:02,790 --> 00:49:00,559

object uh is uh is a well-known

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00:49:05,510 --> 00:49:02,800

primitive asteroid or

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00:49:07,829 --> 00:49:05,520

meteorite called allende and you can see

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00:49:10,069 --> 00:49:07,839

there's a there's a lot of small

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00:49:11,190 --> 00:49:10,079

kind of whitish markers inside it there

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00:49:13,030 --> 00:49:11,200

i don't know if there are features in

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00:49:14,230 --> 00:49:13,040

there those are called chondrules and

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00:49:15,750 --> 00:49:14,240

these are these are things that are

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00:49:17,510 --> 00:49:15,760

really left over from the very beginning

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00:49:19,030 --> 00:49:17,520

of the solar system's formation so

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00:49:20,870 --> 00:49:19,040

they're quite old

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00:49:22,549 --> 00:49:20,880

but in an object like this you can still

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00:49:25,430 --> 00:49:22,559

find evidence of of this complex

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00:49:27,190 --> 00:49:25,440

chemistry so uh perhaps it means that

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00:49:29,670 --> 00:49:27,200

this this process got started quite

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00:49:31,670 --> 00:49:29,680

early in our solar system's formation

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00:49:32,870 --> 00:49:31,680

within you know the first billion years

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00:49:34,710 --> 00:49:32,880

or so

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00:49:35,750 --> 00:49:34,720

again this is really at the boundary of

1501

00:49:38,390 --> 00:49:35,760

what i know

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00:49:39,829 --> 00:49:38,400

but i would say that um

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00:49:41,270 --> 00:49:39,839

it's very probable that this is a

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00:49:43,589 --> 00:49:41,280

process that happens in other solar

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00:49:45,829 --> 00:49:43,599

systems i would think

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00:49:48,069 --> 00:49:45,839

and exactly to what degree it influenced

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00:49:49,190 --> 00:49:48,079

the develop of chemistry here on earth i

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00:49:50,390 --> 00:49:49,200

don't know

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00:49:54,390 --> 00:49:50,400

but it's definitely a fascinating

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00:49:58,309 --> 00:49:56,630

hi so my name is michael schaible i am a

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00:49:59,190 --> 00:49:58,319

research scientist here at georgia tech

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and

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i

1514  
00:50:02,470 --> 00:50:01,280  
so so

1515  
00:50:04,710 --> 00:50:02,480  
i wanted to

1516  
00:50:07,030 --> 00:50:04,720  
just poke a little bit at sort of you

1517  
00:50:08,150 --> 00:50:07,040  
did this this uh this movie

1518  
00:50:12,790 --> 00:50:08,160  
uh

1519  
00:50:15,750 --> 00:50:12,800  
i was wondering how your work sort of

1520  
00:50:18,150 --> 00:50:15,760  
fits into the small comets world

1521  
00:50:21,030 --> 00:50:18,160  
um you know how likely is it that we're

1522  
00:50:23,589 --> 00:50:21,040  
going to have uh an earth crossing small

1523  
00:50:26,390 --> 00:50:23,599  
comet that we just don't know about

1524  
00:50:28,549 --> 00:50:26,400  
right um yeah that's a that's a really

1525  
00:50:30,230 --> 00:50:28,559  
interesting point so so the good news is

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00:50:32,309 --> 00:50:30,240

we know that like i said these really

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00:50:33,589 --> 00:50:32,319

large uh globally catastrophic events

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00:50:35,750 --> 00:50:33,599

they have to be infrequent or we

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00:50:37,510 --> 00:50:35,760

wouldn't be here i i would say

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00:50:39,190 --> 00:50:37,520

um but there are a lot of smaller pieces

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00:50:40,950 --> 00:50:39,200

out there and and we do our best to keep

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00:50:42,470 --> 00:50:40,960

track of them um but occasionally some

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00:50:45,190 --> 00:50:42,480

of them you know make it into the inner

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00:50:47,109 --> 00:50:45,200

solar system um i think

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00:50:48,790 --> 00:50:47,119

you know the the chance that the saving

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00:50:50,069 --> 00:50:48,800

grace with the comets is that in terms

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00:50:51,750 --> 00:50:50,079

of the ones that make it into the inner

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00:50:53,510 --> 00:50:51,760

part of the solar system they are far

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00:50:54,630 --> 00:50:53,520

fewer in number than the nearest

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00:50:56,870 --> 00:50:54,640

asteroids

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00:50:58,950 --> 00:50:56,880

so in other words uh even though comets

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00:51:00,549 --> 00:50:58,960

can on average be a lot larger than a

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00:51:02,309 --> 00:51:00,559

typical mirror of asteroid that that

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00:51:04,230 --> 00:51:02,319

we're keeping track of

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00:51:06,230 --> 00:51:04,240

uh they tend to be

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00:51:07,589 --> 00:51:06,240

uh they're bigger they move really fast

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00:51:09,990 --> 00:51:07,599

with respect to the earth so they can

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00:51:11,190 --> 00:51:10,000

pack a huge punch but saving grace is

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00:51:12,870 --> 00:51:11,200

there there are fewer of them that

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00:51:14,870 --> 00:51:12,880

really make it into this part of the

1551  
00:51:16,390 --> 00:51:14,880  
space right near the earth so so that's

1552  
00:51:17,750 --> 00:51:16,400  
the saving grace but that said we still

1553  
00:51:19,510 --> 00:51:17,760  
have to keep an eye out for them they

1554  
00:51:21,589 --> 00:51:19,520  
are yeah that's great so so do you use

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00:51:23,190 --> 00:51:21,599  
the same surveys to look for those or is

1556  
00:51:25,109 --> 00:51:23,200  
it a different survey

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00:51:26,630 --> 00:51:25,119  
yeah we're using the same surveys and

1558  
00:51:27,990 --> 00:51:26,640  
you you raise an interesting point

1559  
00:51:29,589 --> 00:51:28,000  
should we be doing the survey in the

1560  
00:51:31,030 --> 00:51:29,599  
same way in other words do you want to

1561  
00:51:33,349 --> 00:51:31,040  
look on the same part of the sky with

1562  
00:51:35,349 --> 00:51:33,359  
the same number of revisits and so forth

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00:51:36,710 --> 00:51:35,359

should the survey cadence change as a

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00:51:38,870 --> 00:51:36,720

result of the orbital elements of the

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00:51:40,390 --> 00:51:38,880

thing we're searching for so far the

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00:51:42,069 --> 00:51:40,400

good news is that the near-earth

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00:51:44,230 --> 00:51:42,079

asteroids tend to have a pretty broad

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00:51:45,589 --> 00:51:44,240

distribution on the sky in terms of

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00:51:47,589 --> 00:51:45,599

their orbital inclinations in other

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00:51:49,750 --> 00:51:47,599

words the tilts of their orbits

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00:51:51,670 --> 00:51:49,760

so that's good from the perspective of

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00:51:53,190 --> 00:51:51,680

looking for comets which the long period

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00:51:55,030 --> 00:51:53,200

comets really are isotropically

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00:51:57,349 --> 00:51:55,040

distributed they're all over the place

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00:51:59,109 --> 00:51:57,359

so far that means our basic search

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00:52:01,510 --> 00:51:59,119

research strategies uh seem to be

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00:52:02,950 --> 00:52:01,520

effective at both populations that said

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00:52:04,470 --> 00:52:02,960

as we get further along in the survey

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00:52:06,069 --> 00:52:04,480

it's possible we could refine things to

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00:52:08,150 --> 00:52:06,079

spend more time looking at high

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00:52:14,950 --> 00:52:08,160

inclinations possibly kind of depends on

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00:52:20,549 --> 00:52:16,230

does that sort of answer the question

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00:52:24,069 --> 00:52:22,230

there we go i had to turn the microphone

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00:52:27,190 --> 00:52:24,079

on for a second

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00:52:30,150 --> 00:52:27,200

all right uh i'm more of a biologist but

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00:52:31,430 --> 00:52:30,160

i haven't i uh so i have a question more

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00:52:33,750 --> 00:52:31,440

about

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uh how these things might change over

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the course of history um i

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00:52:40,950 --> 00:52:39,440

when you were talking about uh it's the

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way when you create a family and the

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family then expands through

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00:52:47,910 --> 00:52:45,119

phase space and starts uh becoming

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00:52:49,589 --> 00:52:47,920

crossing um seems like that could lead

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00:52:53,349 --> 00:52:49,599

to sort of a cluster

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00:52:54,230 --> 00:52:53,359

of uh events in time and i'm wondering

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if

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00:53:02,390 --> 00:53:00,559

of a constant background of these things

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or if um

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00:53:07,589 --> 00:53:04,960

clustered events like that might uh

1601  
00:53:09,589 --> 00:53:07,599  
occur in time and how much if and if

1602  
00:53:10,470 --> 00:53:09,599  
those might

1603  
00:53:12,870 --> 00:53:10,480  
be a

1604  
00:53:14,470 --> 00:53:12,880  
reasonable part of what happens or if

1605  
00:53:15,829 --> 00:53:14,480  
just generic background might be a

1606  
00:53:17,589 --> 00:53:15,839  
bigger deal

1607  
00:53:19,030 --> 00:53:17,599  
that's a also really interesting and

1608  
00:53:20,549 --> 00:53:19,040  
there's this period called the late

1609  
00:53:22,230 --> 00:53:20,559  
heavy bombardment that we think happened

1610  
00:53:23,589 --> 00:53:22,240  
fairly early on in the solar system's

1611  
00:53:25,190 --> 00:53:23,599  
formation so kind of in the first

1612  
00:53:27,270 --> 00:53:25,200  
billion years or so

1613  
00:53:29,430 --> 00:53:27,280

where there was a reshuffling that

1614

00:53:32,390 --> 00:53:29,440

happened which sent a volley of of

1615

00:53:34,069 --> 00:53:32,400

impactors into uh into near earth space

1616

00:53:35,910 --> 00:53:34,079

and so the earth was we think kind of

1617

00:53:37,349 --> 00:53:35,920

really pelted with with objects back in

1618

00:53:39,910 --> 00:53:37,359

that period and then it sort of tapered

1619

00:53:41,750 --> 00:53:39,920

off after that but you're right um you

1620

00:53:42,870 --> 00:53:41,760

can have these family forming events and

1621

00:53:45,030 --> 00:53:42,880

if something happens close to a

1622

00:53:47,670 --> 00:53:45,040

resonance it can really affect

1623

00:53:49,430 --> 00:53:47,680

the local in influence or the local flux

1624

00:53:50,790 --> 00:53:49,440

of objects onto the earth so one of the

1625

00:53:52,630 --> 00:53:50,800

things i'm interested in looking at it

1626  
00:53:54,309 --> 00:53:52,640  
hopefully eventually is to is to try to

1627  
00:53:55,829 --> 00:53:54,319  
prove that in greater detail

1628  
00:53:58,150 --> 00:53:55,839  
because it doesn't take a huge object to

1629  
00:53:59,910 --> 00:53:58,160  
collide to produce a lot of fragments so

1630  
00:54:01,270 --> 00:53:59,920  
we know sort of the broad brush picture

1631  
00:54:03,829 --> 00:54:01,280  
of how it happened with the late

1632  
00:54:05,430 --> 00:54:03,839  
bombardment but the exact specifics of

1633  
00:54:06,710 --> 00:54:05,440  
what happened since then i think we

1634  
00:54:08,390 --> 00:54:06,720  
would like to have more data to be able

1635  
00:54:12,790 --> 00:54:08,400  
to probe that in in greater detail which

1636  
00:54:17,430 --> 00:54:14,790  
great thank you so much amy for your

1637  
00:54:19,270 --> 00:54:17,440  
wonderful talk we really all enjoyed it

1638  
00:54:21,829 --> 00:54:19,280

um there are a few more questions that

1639

00:54:23,510 --> 00:54:21,839

populated in the chat that we could have

1640

00:54:24,549 --> 00:54:23,520

you take a look at later if you would

1641

00:54:27,349 --> 00:54:24,559

like

1642

00:54:28,870 --> 00:54:27,359

but we will be moving on to our final

1643

00:54:31,589 --> 00:54:28,880

session of

1644

00:54:33,270 --> 00:54:31,599

speakers here

1645

00:55:11,109 --> 00:54:33,280

thank you so much

1646

00:55:15,829 --> 00:55:14,309

great so we can move on to our next

1647

00:55:17,270 --> 00:55:15,839

one is it streaming okay in the blue

1648

00:55:19,670 --> 00:55:17,280

jeans

1649

00:55:21,910 --> 00:55:19,680

okay great um so the third session for

1650

00:55:24,150 --> 00:55:21,920

today is called inside cellular and

1651

00:55:26,230 --> 00:55:24,160

molecular evolution and our first

1652

00:55:28,789 --> 00:55:26,240

presenter will be kvita mintinggay

1653

00:55:30,470 --> 00:55:28,799

presenting on memory and molecules sorry

1654

00:55:46,950 --> 00:55:30,480

molecular memory at the emergence of

1655

00:55:51,829 --> 00:55:49,829

everyone one second

1656

00:55:55,270 --> 00:55:51,839

okay okay and is it focused on this

1657

00:56:00,390 --> 00:55:58,069

oh no it's not

1658

00:56:06,549 --> 00:56:00,400

oh okay here we can do this quickly then

1659

00:56:06,559 --> 00:56:41,349

oh yeah for sure

1660

00:56:45,589 --> 00:56:43,349

hello hi

1661

00:56:47,349 --> 00:56:45,599

um

1662

00:56:49,030 --> 00:56:47,359

let me see

1663

00:56:52,870 --> 00:56:49,040

okay i think this works

1664

00:56:55,109 --> 00:56:52,880

um good morning good afternoon uh i am

1665

00:56:57,589 --> 00:56:55,119

kavita i'm from the williams lab and i

1666

00:56:58,470 --> 00:56:57,599

just want to give today give an overview

1667

00:57:00,150 --> 00:56:58,480

about

1668

00:57:01,750 --> 00:57:00,160

some of the current ideas we have in the

1669

00:57:04,309 --> 00:57:01,760

williams lab about

1670

00:57:06,309 --> 00:57:04,319

molecules and memory um

1671

00:57:08,870 --> 00:57:06,319

and i think memory is something very

1672

00:57:11,030 --> 00:57:08,880

inherent in the origin of life but we

1673

00:57:11,829 --> 00:57:11,040

have but it's very implicit we haven't

1674

00:57:14,630 --> 00:57:11,839

quite

1675

00:57:16,630 --> 00:57:14,640

defined it and hopefully in the next few

1676  
00:57:19,349 --> 00:57:16,640  
minutes i will try to

1677  
00:57:20,789 --> 00:57:19,359  
uh demonstrate how we're trying to do

1678  
00:57:22,630 --> 00:57:20,799  
that um

1679  
00:57:24,789 --> 00:57:22,640  
so before we go to the origin of life i

1680  
00:57:27,030 --> 00:57:24,799  
want to just break down the word memory

1681  
00:57:28,789 --> 00:57:27,040  
uh when we say the word memory we think

1682  
00:57:31,349 --> 00:57:28,799  
of all these different ideas and

1683  
00:57:33,910 --> 00:57:31,359  
concepts we think of remembering people

1684  
00:57:36,950 --> 00:57:34,950  
names

1685  
00:57:37,990 --> 00:57:36,960  
biologists often associate neurons with

1686  
00:57:40,870 --> 00:57:38,000  
memories

1687  
00:57:42,549 --> 00:57:40,880  
some of these molecules memory is often

1688  
00:57:45,030 --> 00:57:42,559

the word associated with computers as

1689

00:57:48,150 --> 00:57:45,040

well where we have short term less short

1690

00:57:50,150 --> 00:57:48,160

term and much more long term memories

1691

00:57:52,789 --> 00:57:50,160

at the heart of all of these processes

1692

00:57:55,349 --> 00:57:52,799

though is this idea of acquisition and

1693

00:57:57,510 --> 00:57:55,359

coding and retrieval of information

1694

00:58:00,150 --> 00:57:57,520

information of different kinds

1695

00:58:01,910 --> 00:58:00,160

but the process itself is the same

1696

00:58:03,910 --> 00:58:01,920

across all these different

1697

00:58:06,470 --> 00:58:03,920

formats

1698

00:58:08,950 --> 00:58:06,480

another definition of memory though is

1699

00:58:11,510 --> 00:58:08,960

the ability to record information about

1700

00:58:13,349 --> 00:58:11,520

events and the facility of recalling

1701

00:58:15,109 --> 00:58:13,359

them at a later point

1702

00:58:17,030 --> 00:58:15,119

now this different definition is really

1703

00:58:19,030 --> 00:58:17,040

interesting for biology because biology

1704

00:58:20,630 --> 00:58:19,040

is amazing at remembering things so

1705

00:58:22,710 --> 00:58:20,640

biology is amazing at recording

1706

00:58:25,270 --> 00:58:22,720

information and biology is amazing at

1707

00:58:27,349 --> 00:58:25,280

recalling them and the most i guess

1708

00:58:29,750 --> 00:58:27,359

amazing part of biology is genetic

1709

00:58:32,710 --> 00:58:29,760

memory or nucleic acid memory we have

1710

00:58:34,870 --> 00:58:32,720

information about genes stored over

1711

00:58:37,030 --> 00:58:34,880

um millions and millions of years we

1712

00:58:39,510 --> 00:58:37,040

have infinite information stored as

1713

00:58:41,190 --> 00:58:39,520

identity of these specific molecules

1714

00:58:41,990 --> 00:58:41,200

here acgt

1715

00:58:43,990 --> 00:58:42,000

um

1716

00:58:46,870 --> 00:58:44,000

you in case of rna

1717

00:58:49,270 --> 00:58:46,880

and this form of storage and this type

1718

00:58:50,710 --> 00:58:49,280

of information stored in

1719

00:58:54,309 --> 00:58:50,720

nucleic acids

1720

00:58:56,230 --> 00:58:54,319

is uh called is termed as heredity and

1721

00:58:57,430 --> 00:58:56,240

it's an excellent form of memory in

1722

00:59:00,230 --> 00:58:57,440

biology

1723

00:59:01,589 --> 00:59:00,240

uh for millions and millions of years

1724

00:59:04,470 --> 00:59:01,599

uh what i want to

1725

00:59:05,990 --> 00:59:04,480

demonstrate today is that maybe it's not

1726

00:59:09,030 --> 00:59:06,000

maybe it doesn't stop there maybe it

1727

00:59:10,549 --> 00:59:09,040

goes beyond and when i say beyond i'm

1728

00:59:12,309 --> 00:59:10,559

we mean

1729

00:59:14,870 --> 00:59:12,319

beyond genetic memory we talk about

1730

00:59:18,710 --> 00:59:14,880

non-genetic memory we see that there are

1731

00:59:20,710 --> 00:59:18,720

of ways in biology which are

1732

00:59:23,190 --> 00:59:20,720

which are programmed to record

1733

00:59:26,710 --> 00:59:23,200

information which is not quite which

1734

00:59:28,470 --> 00:59:26,720

doesn't quite reach the genetic um level

1735

00:59:32,069 --> 00:59:28,480

and this is often as histone

1736

00:59:34,470 --> 00:59:32,079

modification dna methylation rna

1737

00:59:35,910 --> 00:59:34,480

changes structural as well as

1738

00:59:39,270 --> 00:59:35,920

um

1739

00:59:41,349 --> 00:59:39,280

molecular changes in the rna and a host

1740

00:59:43,270 --> 00:59:41,359

of other chromatin modifications as well

1741

00:59:45,829 --> 00:59:43,280

and these are forms of memory which are

1742

00:59:46,870 --> 00:59:45,839

less which are less short which are less

1743

00:59:48,950 --> 00:59:46,880

long-term

1744

00:59:50,549 --> 00:59:48,960

but there are still ways of

1745

00:59:53,510 --> 00:59:50,559

ways in which biology records

1746

00:59:54,950 --> 00:59:53,520

information for a period of time

1747

00:59:56,870 --> 00:59:54,960

now we're going to push this a little

1748

00:59:58,870 --> 00:59:56,880

further and

1749

01:00:00,789 --> 00:59:58,880

present a couple of other

1750

01:00:03,349 --> 01:00:00,799

instances in biology where memory is

1751

01:00:05,829 --> 01:00:03,359

recorded but we don't

1752

01:00:07,910 --> 01:00:05,839

traditionally associate with

1753

01:00:10,390 --> 01:00:07,920

memory and i would and we want to

1754

01:00:12,950 --> 01:00:10,400

suggest that maybe these are some of the

1755

01:00:15,430 --> 01:00:12,960

ways in which biology records

1756

01:00:18,470 --> 01:00:15,440

cell signaling pathways so map kinase

1757

01:00:20,630 --> 01:00:18,480

pathways are ways in which cells are

1758

01:00:22,710 --> 01:00:20,640

regulate uh homo

1759

01:00:24,950 --> 01:00:22,720

homeostasis mechanisms where cells are

1760

01:00:29,190 --> 01:00:24,960

capable of detecting the environment

1761

01:00:32,309 --> 01:00:29,200

detecting um um their their situation

1762

01:00:34,390 --> 01:00:32,319

and regulating the um

1763

01:00:36,069 --> 01:00:34,400

regular upregulating or down regulating

1764

01:00:38,230 --> 01:00:36,079

downstream pathways

1765

01:00:40,630 --> 01:00:38,240

uh allosteric regulation which is a much

1766

01:00:43,510 --> 01:00:40,640

more short-term form of memory where we

1767

01:00:45,430 --> 01:00:43,520

have small molecules regulating specific

1768

01:00:47,270 --> 01:00:45,440

metabolic pathways

1769

01:00:49,109 --> 01:00:47,280

and feedback loops of course so these

1770

01:00:50,950 --> 01:00:49,119

may be called short-term memory but

1771

01:00:54,390 --> 01:00:50,960

these are also we

1772

01:00:56,870 --> 01:00:54,400

opposite forms of memory in biology

1773

01:00:58,950 --> 01:00:56,880

pushing that even further and going even

1774

01:01:00,789 --> 01:00:58,960

smaller into the molecular scale we want

1775

01:01:04,309 --> 01:01:00,799

to present things like ion-based

1776

01:01:07,670 --> 01:01:04,319

inheritance now prions are basically our

1777

01:01:09,910 --> 01:01:07,680

indep are proteins misfolded proteins

1778

01:01:12,230 --> 01:01:09,920

which are independent of sequence so

1779

01:01:14,309 --> 01:01:12,240

they essentially have very less to do

1780

01:01:16,309 --> 01:01:14,319

with the particular sequence of amino

1781

01:01:18,470 --> 01:01:16,319

acids sequence of genes that code for

1782

01:01:20,950 --> 01:01:18,480

them they are essentially structural

1783

01:01:23,589 --> 01:01:20,960

pieces of information which can last up

1784

01:01:25,670 --> 01:01:23,599

to sometimes even longer than

1785

01:01:28,630 --> 01:01:25,680

which in last generation sometimes even

1786

01:01:29,829 --> 01:01:28,640

longer than um epigenetics or dna

1787

01:01:31,589 --> 01:01:29,839

methylation

1788

01:01:33,270 --> 01:01:31,599

so there are um

1789

01:01:35,030 --> 01:01:33,280

then this so this is prion-based

1790

01:01:37,270 --> 01:01:35,040

inheritance the second one is quorum

1791

01:01:38,549 --> 01:01:37,280

sensing where we have a different set of

1792

01:01:40,789 --> 01:01:38,559

life bacteria

1793

01:01:43,510 --> 01:01:40,799

which are capable of detecting

1794

01:01:45,510 --> 01:01:43,520

um populations and regulating their

1795

01:01:48,630 --> 01:01:45,520

behavior accordingly now this is

1796

01:01:50,390 --> 01:01:48,640

regulation but i would we would actually

1797

01:01:53,589 --> 01:01:50,400

argue that this is a form of short-term

1798

01:01:56,230 --> 01:01:53,599

memory which can last across generations

1799

01:01:57,829 --> 01:01:56,240

and provide the said organism with some

1800

01:02:01,510 --> 01:01:57,839

kind of

1801  
01:02:02,950 --> 01:02:01,520  
disadvantage against the environment

1802  
01:02:04,789 --> 01:02:02,960  
and

1803  
01:02:06,789 --> 01:02:04,799  
i think this is where

1804  
01:02:08,630 --> 01:02:06,799  
we want to

1805  
01:02:10,950 --> 01:02:08,640  
push this boundary even more and say

1806  
01:02:12,390 --> 01:02:10,960  
okay if biology has so many different

1807  
01:02:13,990 --> 01:02:12,400  
forms of memory which we don't

1808  
01:02:16,309 --> 01:02:14,000  
traditionally think of

1809  
01:02:18,710 --> 01:02:16,319  
maybe memory is something much more

1810  
01:02:21,670 --> 01:02:18,720  
inherent to biology and maybe this that

1811  
01:02:23,670 --> 01:02:21,680  
should influence our study into this our

1812  
01:02:25,670 --> 01:02:23,680  
study of the origin of life

1813  
01:02:27,829 --> 01:02:25,680

and hence we are working currently

1814

01:02:29,670 --> 01:02:27,839

within the framework that the origin of

1815

01:02:31,750 --> 01:02:29,680

life is the origin and evolution of

1816

01:02:35,670 --> 01:02:31,760

sophisticated molecular memory which

1817

01:02:39,109 --> 01:02:35,680

goes much which goes way beyond heritage

1818

01:02:40,630 --> 01:02:39,119

this is not something completely new um

1819

01:02:42,549 --> 01:02:40,640

and i would

1820

01:02:45,029 --> 01:02:42,559

actually say that

1821

01:02:46,950 --> 01:02:45,039

all the research into the origin of life

1822

01:02:49,589 --> 01:02:46,960

beginning from the rna world which was i

1823

01:02:51,670 --> 01:02:49,599

think in the 1970s or 80s has been

1824

01:02:53,589 --> 01:02:51,680

trying to look for some kind of memory

1825

01:02:55,990 --> 01:02:53,599

some kind of system self-replicating

1826

01:02:58,309 --> 01:02:56,000

system that records memory that can

1827

01:03:00,549 --> 01:02:58,319

transmit it to the next generation

1828

01:03:02,549 --> 01:03:00,559

uh we are currently looking at uh

1829

01:03:05,109 --> 01:03:02,559

changes in the identity of the molecules

1830

01:03:06,309 --> 01:03:05,119

where we have backbone changes we have

1831

01:03:09,029 --> 01:03:06,319

um

1832

01:03:09,829 --> 01:03:09,039

identity of the bases being changed

1833

01:03:12,710 --> 01:03:09,839

and

1834

01:03:14,390 --> 01:03:12,720

these are essentially i think

1835

01:03:19,990 --> 01:03:14,400

attempts

1836

01:03:21,029 --> 01:03:20,000

try and identify what kind of memory

1837

01:03:22,549 --> 01:03:21,039

existed

1838

01:03:24,390 --> 01:03:22,559

long long ago

1839

01:03:26,309 --> 01:03:24,400

and um

1840

01:03:28,789 --> 01:03:26,319

although they are all

1841

01:03:31,589 --> 01:03:28,799

amazing pieces of research i think

1842

01:03:33,750 --> 01:03:31,599

we also need to open up our uh mind to

1843

01:03:36,069 --> 01:03:33,760

the fact that memory was maybe something

1844

01:03:38,710 --> 01:03:36,079

way beyond heredity maybe it was

1845

01:03:40,870 --> 01:03:38,720

not it was less tied to the identity

1846

01:03:42,789 --> 01:03:40,880

identity of the molecules something more

1847

01:03:44,470 --> 01:03:42,799

to do with the environmental processes

1848

01:03:47,109 --> 01:03:44,480

the regulation the recording of

1849

01:03:50,230 --> 01:03:47,119

information in different ways

1850

01:03:52,710 --> 01:03:50,240

the williams lab right now is working on

1851  
01:03:54,150 --> 01:03:52,720  
a system where we can study the

1852  
01:03:56,950 --> 01:03:54,160  
evolution of memory which is

1853  
01:03:58,549 --> 01:03:56,960  
non-heritable non-genetic memory and we

1854  
01:04:00,549 --> 01:03:58,559  
are studying this within the framework

1855  
01:04:02,069 --> 01:04:00,559  
of chemical evolution although the

1856  
01:04:03,430 --> 01:04:02,079  
global um

1857  
01:04:05,870 --> 01:04:03,440  
we're starting this within the framework

1858  
01:04:07,990 --> 01:04:05,880  
of pre-darwinism of

1859  
01:04:09,109 --> 01:04:08,000  
pre-pre-darwinism which is non-genetic

1860  
01:04:09,910 --> 01:04:09,119  
memory

1861  
01:04:11,430 --> 01:04:09,920  
um

1862  
01:04:13,589 --> 01:04:11,440  
i wouldn't go into i'm not going to go

1863  
01:04:15,910 --> 01:04:13,599

into too much details right now but i

1864

01:04:18,150 --> 01:04:15,920

just wanted to give an outline of some

1865

01:04:19,510 --> 01:04:18,160

of the ideas in lab today and

1866

01:04:21,990 --> 01:04:19,520

they are

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01:04:24,150 --> 01:04:22,000

essentially when you cycle a group of

1868

01:04:26,950 --> 01:04:24,160

small molecules in a wet dry cycling

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01:04:29,430 --> 01:04:26,960

phenomena they show the capability of

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01:04:32,069 --> 01:04:29,440

recording environmental events like this

1871

01:04:34,230 --> 01:04:32,079

one here so when we cycle these group of

1872

01:04:36,789 --> 01:04:34,240

molecules in two different conditions

1873

01:04:38,710 --> 01:04:36,799

uh this specific environmental event was

1874

01:04:41,430 --> 01:04:38,720

recorded in the

1875

01:04:43,829 --> 01:04:41,440

hplc spectra of this memory now this is

1876  
01:04:45,430 --> 01:04:43,839  
independent of the individual molecules

1877  
01:04:48,309 --> 01:04:45,440  
independent of

1878  
01:04:49,990 --> 01:04:48,319  
the identity of these molecules this

1879  
01:04:52,390 --> 01:04:50,000  
recording is

1880  
01:04:54,549 --> 01:04:52,400  
not dependent on the specific structures

1881  
01:04:55,829 --> 01:04:54,559  
but this is an emergent phenomena i

1882  
01:04:58,069 --> 01:04:55,839  
think this is something really

1883  
01:04:58,950 --> 01:04:58,079  
interesting to know and i think this

1884  
01:05:01,270 --> 01:04:58,960  
should

1885  
01:05:02,630 --> 01:05:01,280  
inform future research into the origin

1886  
01:05:06,870 --> 01:05:02,640  
of life

1887  
01:05:14,390 --> 01:05:10,300  
finish my presentation um thank you

1888  
01:05:16,230 --> 01:05:14,400

[Applause]

1889

01:05:18,150 --> 01:05:16,240

great thank you um do we have any

1890

01:05:22,789 --> 01:05:18,160

questions from the audience

1891

01:05:27,270 --> 01:05:24,950

thank you kavitha that was a great talk

1892

01:05:29,190 --> 01:05:27,280

could you go back one slide okay so yes

1893

01:05:31,190 --> 01:05:29,200

could you just explain a bit more about

1894

01:05:33,510 --> 01:05:31,200

how you're recording the environmental

1895

01:05:34,630 --> 01:05:33,520

events absolutely yeah

1896

01:05:36,470 --> 01:05:34,640

um

1897

01:05:37,990 --> 01:05:36,480

so the chemical system

1898

01:05:40,230 --> 01:05:38,000

we are exploring right now is

1899

01:05:42,630 --> 01:05:40,240

essentially a chemical evolution of

1900

01:05:43,829 --> 01:05:42,640

these eight of these eight different

1901

01:05:45,910 --> 01:05:43,839

components

1902

01:05:48,549 --> 01:05:45,920

uh where we wet dry cycle these eight

1903

01:05:51,589 --> 01:05:48,559

components and study the formation of a

1904

01:05:52,549 --> 01:05:51,599

wet these eight components at 45 degrees

1905

01:05:55,349 --> 01:05:52,559

and

1906

01:05:56,870 --> 01:05:55,359

studied the formation of polymers ah

1907

01:05:58,870 --> 01:05:56,880

through different analytical techniques

1908

01:06:00,950 --> 01:05:58,880

one of which is hplc

1909

01:06:03,430 --> 01:06:00,960

uh which is essentially

1910

01:06:05,109 --> 01:06:03,440

this graph writer is an absorbance at

1911

01:06:06,549 --> 01:06:05,119

210 nanometers

1912

01:06:07,750 --> 01:06:06,559

of the different

1913

01:06:09,270 --> 01:06:07,760

cycles

1914

01:06:13,029 --> 01:06:09,280

of

1915

01:06:14,710 --> 01:06:13,039

different cycles now when the same

1916

01:06:16,710 --> 01:06:14,720

system was run in two different

1917

01:06:19,349 --> 01:06:16,720

conditions one of which had a

1918

01:06:21,270 --> 01:06:19,359

perturbation slight perturbation at one

1919

01:06:22,309 --> 01:06:21,280

specific cycle and everything else was

1920

01:06:24,309 --> 01:06:22,319

the same

1921

01:06:27,829 --> 01:06:24,319

we recorded that when we compared the

1922

01:06:28,950 --> 01:06:27,839

spectra we had a significant um i guess

1923

01:06:31,670 --> 01:06:28,960

significant

1924

01:06:33,829 --> 01:06:31,680

perturbation in the hplc and this

1925

01:06:36,470 --> 01:06:33,839

perturbation faded over time so when we

1926

01:06:38,309 --> 01:06:36,480

ran this for maybe 15 or 20 cycles

1927

01:06:42,230 --> 01:06:38,319

the spectra then there was no difference

1928

01:06:43,750 --> 01:06:42,240

between the control and the um

1929

01:06:46,150 --> 01:06:43,760

perturb system

1930

01:06:48,630 --> 01:06:46,160

so this is something really really

1931

01:06:51,349 --> 01:06:48,640

interesting and i think this is actually

1932

01:06:56,710 --> 01:06:51,359

a path dependent

1933

01:07:01,349 --> 01:06:59,109

very cool and we do have a question from

1934

01:07:04,230 --> 01:07:01,359

blue jeans which is

1935

01:07:06,230 --> 01:07:04,240

do we also understand how new memory is

1936

01:07:08,789 --> 01:07:06,240

attached to nucleotides when there is

1937

01:07:12,150 --> 01:07:08,799

evolution in organisms are there any

1938

01:07:13,430 --> 01:07:12,160

specific chemicals involved

1939

01:07:14,950 --> 01:07:13,440

um

1940

01:07:16,549 --> 01:07:14,960

i am

1941

01:07:18,150 --> 01:07:16,559

not too sure

1942

01:07:22,710 --> 01:07:18,160

um

1943

01:07:24,870 --> 01:07:22,720

i would imagine that

1944

01:07:27,109 --> 01:07:24,880

um i guess creativity in the structure

1945

01:07:28,390 --> 01:07:27,119

of nucleic acids today would be very

1946

01:07:29,910 --> 01:07:28,400

difficult

1947

01:07:32,870 --> 01:07:29,920

um

1948

01:07:35,430 --> 01:07:32,880

but maybe without the framework of life

1949

01:07:37,510 --> 01:07:35,440

there may have been many more

1950

01:07:39,670 --> 01:07:37,520

chemical groups attached functional

1951

01:07:42,150 --> 01:07:39,680

groups attached and much more creativity

1952

01:07:43,910 --> 01:07:42,160

that's for sure

1953

01:07:45,109 --> 01:07:43,920

agreed thank you

1954

01:07:56,630 --> 01:07:45,119

um

1955

01:08:03,109 --> 01:08:00,390

i'm uh also curious about this uh

1956

01:08:05,589 --> 01:08:03,119

last little experiment that you are uh

1957

01:08:06,950 --> 01:08:05,599

talking about where you see uh

1958

01:08:08,630 --> 01:08:06,960

persistent

1959

01:08:09,589 --> 01:08:08,640

effects from perturbations that stick

1960

01:08:10,630 --> 01:08:09,599

around

1961

01:08:14,150 --> 01:08:10,640

um

1962

01:08:15,430 --> 01:08:14,160

i'm just looking at the graphs there and

1963

01:08:17,070 --> 01:08:15,440

um

1964

01:08:18,789 --> 01:08:17,080

is am i am i

1965

01:08:21,269 --> 01:08:18,799

interpreting

1966

01:08:22,870 --> 01:08:21,279

uh what the peaks mean

1967

01:08:24,309 --> 01:08:22,880

that when there are

1968

01:08:27,349 --> 01:08:24,319

peaks somewhere it means that there is

1969

01:08:29,829 --> 01:08:27,359

some kind of a substance that has uh

1970

01:08:31,030 --> 01:08:29,839

come together from the smaller pieces

1971

01:08:32,309 --> 01:08:31,040

and

1972

01:08:35,030 --> 01:08:32,319

if so

1973

01:08:36,630 --> 01:08:35,040

is there sort of like is it sort of like

1974

01:08:39,110 --> 01:08:36,640

not much is happening not not much is

1975

01:08:41,030 --> 01:08:39,120

happening then suddenly a bunch happens

1976

01:08:43,910 --> 01:08:41,040

and then it sticks around from that

1977

01:08:45,590 --> 01:08:43,920

point forward in the simplest terms yes

1978

01:08:47,990 --> 01:08:45,600

okay uh since this is a different

1979

01:08:49,990 --> 01:08:48,000

spectra right i have a sense different

1980

01:08:52,229 --> 01:08:50,000

spectrum okay i missed that so this is

1981

01:08:54,870 --> 01:08:52,239

the differentiation of uh i mean i've

1982

01:08:56,709 --> 01:08:54,880

subtracted uh one from the other but if

1983

01:08:58,550 --> 01:08:56,719

this was this this wasn't a different

1984

01:09:00,229 --> 01:08:58,560

spectra yes an individual peak would

1985

01:09:02,950 --> 01:09:00,239

mean a bunch of quality okay i missed

1986

01:09:04,630 --> 01:09:02,960

that part that's fine yeah so so okay so

1987

01:09:06,870 --> 01:09:04,640

the uh

1988

01:09:10,800 --> 01:09:06,880

okay that makes that makes sense um all

1989

01:09:15,030 --> 01:09:11,910

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1990

01:09:20,149 --> 01:09:17,189

can you go back to your uh i think you

1991

01:09:22,550 --> 01:09:20,159

had an original or a life definition or

1992

01:09:26,070 --> 01:09:22,560

something up there um

1993

01:09:31,510 --> 01:09:28,390

okay so it's like

1994

01:09:34,470 --> 01:09:31,520

life is um

1995

01:09:35,430 --> 01:09:34,480

sophisticated molecular memory right um

1996

01:09:37,749 --> 01:09:35,440

from that

1997

01:09:39,910 --> 01:09:37,759

so you gave the example of like prions

1998

01:09:42,070 --> 01:09:39,920

as a good um yes example of like what

1999

01:09:49,110 --> 01:09:42,080

you kind of like are thinking about so

2000

01:09:53,349 --> 01:09:51,030

i'm mostly just kidding with that that's

2001

01:09:57,990 --> 01:09:55,430

but yeah it's a cool idea

2002

01:10:01,590 --> 01:09:59,510

absolutely i think prions are really

2003

01:10:03,750 --> 01:10:01,600

interesting in

2004

01:10:05,270 --> 01:10:03,760

their structure and in recording events

2005

01:10:06,709 --> 01:10:05,280

independent of their sequence i think

2006

01:10:11,350 --> 01:10:06,719

that was something

2007

01:10:16,390 --> 01:10:14,149

uh this is a great talk thank you um

2008

01:10:18,550 --> 01:10:16,400

i was just curious how long do they do

2009

01:10:21,350 --> 01:10:18,560

you run the experiments for like how

2010

01:10:22,790 --> 01:10:21,360

much time is being captured

2011

01:10:24,470 --> 01:10:22,800

in these factories

2012

01:10:26,709 --> 01:10:24,480

yeah the cycles um

2013

01:10:29,030 --> 01:10:26,719

at this stage we only have up to cycle

2014

01:10:31,350 --> 01:10:29,040

15 for this specific experiment but we

2015

01:10:33,669 --> 01:10:31,360

definitely plan on doing longer cycles

2016

01:10:35,590 --> 01:10:33,679

set up in lab right now

2017

01:10:38,070 --> 01:10:35,600

but how much time oh i see i just

2018

01:10:40,229 --> 01:10:38,080

couldn't see from like

2019

01:10:43,590 --> 01:10:40,239

yeah how much time per cycle oh sorry

2020

01:10:44,470 --> 01:10:43,600

it's uh two days per cycle at 45 degrees

2021

01:10:48,709 --> 01:10:44,480

okay

2022

01:10:51,030 --> 01:10:48,719

and i'm assuming you're interested in

2023

01:10:53,350 --> 01:10:51,040

expanding the experiments

2024

01:10:55,030 --> 01:10:53,360

absolutely we have a grad student who's

2025

01:10:57,669 --> 01:10:55,040

working in our lab who's planning on

2026

01:11:00,070 --> 01:10:57,679

extending this phenomena much further as

2027

01:11:03,110 --> 01:11:00,080

well as looking at other emergent

2028

01:11:06,630 --> 01:11:03,120

properties of the system

2029

01:11:09,710 --> 01:11:07,910

thank you so we have to move on to the

2030

01:11:31,270 --> 01:11:09,720

next section but thank you

2031

01:11:35,030 --> 01:11:33,270

great our next speaker is jay haynes

2032

01:11:41,910 --> 01:11:35,040

presenting on experimental predictions

2033

01:11:46,229 --> 01:11:44,149

all right so uh as you noted my name is

2034

01:11:48,229 --> 01:11:46,239

jay i'm from uh the williams lab here at

2035

01:11:50,300 --> 01:11:48,239

georgia tech and so i'm gonna be talking

2036

01:11:52,070 --> 01:11:50,310

about ribosomal evolution today

2037

01:11:52,830 --> 01:11:52,080

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2038

01:11:55,430 --> 01:11:52,840

okay

2039

01:11:57,510 --> 01:11:55,440

so um in the williams lab we like to

2040

01:12:00,229 --> 01:11:57,520

talk or we like to do research on

2041

01:12:03,110 --> 01:12:00,239

translation the ribosome because these

2042

01:12:07,030 --> 01:12:03,120

processes are universal all life depends

2043

01:12:08,790 --> 01:12:07,040

on coded protein in order to um to do

2044

01:12:10,470 --> 01:12:08,800

its life cycle

2045

01:12:13,030 --> 01:12:10,480

and so um

2046

01:12:14,870 --> 01:12:13,040

the the process for creating coded

2047

01:12:17,910 --> 01:12:14,880

protein is um

2048

01:12:19,270 --> 01:12:17,920

is translation where we go from rna to

2049

01:12:21,590 --> 01:12:19,280

our um

2050

01:12:22,550 --> 01:12:21,600

protein that does the work in the in the

2051

01:12:25,350 --> 01:12:22,560

cell

2052

01:12:26,709 --> 01:12:25,360

and at the center of translation is the

2053

01:12:28,470 --> 01:12:26,719

ribosome

2054

01:12:29,590 --> 01:12:28,480

so it's like the nexus that collects

2055

01:12:30,950 --> 01:12:29,600

everything together that gets

2056

01:12:33,350 --> 01:12:30,960

translation done

2057

01:12:35,350 --> 01:12:33,360

so it's the focal point of of this

2058

01:12:37,189 --> 01:12:35,360

incredibly important life process and so

2059

01:12:38,390 --> 01:12:37,199

not only is translation the ribosome

2060

01:12:39,510 --> 01:12:38,400

universal

2061

01:12:42,390 --> 01:12:39,520

it's also

2062

01:12:44,390 --> 01:12:42,400

central and necessary for life so what

2063

01:12:46,790 --> 01:12:44,400

this means in terms of

2064

01:12:49,430 --> 01:12:46,800

evolution of the ribosome is that it's a

2065

01:12:51,110 --> 01:12:49,440

process that began at the very root of

2066

01:12:54,709 --> 01:12:51,120

the origin of life

2067

01:12:57,510 --> 01:12:54,719

so it's older than life as we know it

2068

01:12:59,590 --> 01:12:57,520

so using this insight our lab has

2069

01:13:01,830 --> 01:12:59,600

created a model for the evolution of the

2070

01:13:03,430 --> 01:13:01,840

ribosome called the accretion model

2071

01:13:05,590 --> 01:13:03,440

so that's this figure you see on the

2072

01:13:07,189 --> 01:13:05,600

right of this slide right here

2073

01:13:09,189 --> 01:13:07,199

so as i mentioned earlier this is a

2074

01:13:10,390 --> 01:13:09,199

process that started before exiting bio

2075

01:13:13,270 --> 01:13:10,400

biology

2076

01:13:15,270 --> 01:13:13,280

so um you know the beginnings of it was

2077

01:13:17,510 --> 01:13:15,280

billions of years ago and this is a

2078

01:13:19,189 --> 01:13:17,520

process that if we continue up this kind

2079

01:13:22,070 --> 01:13:19,199

of model

2080

01:13:24,709 --> 01:13:22,080

uh um timeline you know at the very end

2081

01:13:26,630 --> 01:13:24,719

here this is still an ongoing process so

2082

01:13:27,990 --> 01:13:26,640

it's a process that spans multi-billion

2083

01:13:29,669 --> 01:13:28,000

years

2084

01:13:31,189 --> 01:13:29,679

but for the purposes today i'm just

2085

01:13:33,430 --> 01:13:31,199

gonna be talking about

2086

01:13:35,830 --> 01:13:33,440

a a smaller portion of that

2087

01:13:38,310 --> 01:13:35,840

multi-billion years that focuses on

2088

01:13:40,870 --> 01:13:38,320

ribosomal structure

2089

01:13:43,350 --> 01:13:40,880

and so uh the kind of the the basic idea

2090

01:13:45,189 --> 01:13:43,360

of the accretion model is that uh

2091

01:13:46,550 --> 01:13:45,199

evolutionary process

2092

01:13:48,790 --> 01:13:46,560

um

2093

01:13:50,870 --> 01:13:48,800

is is based on this idea of building on

2094

01:13:52,229 --> 01:13:50,880

top of things that came before and so

2095

01:13:54,950 --> 01:13:52,239

specifically what i'll be talking about

2096

01:13:56,709 --> 01:13:54,960

today is the early early ribosome growth

2097

01:13:59,350 --> 01:13:56,719

and evolution that happens through

2098

01:14:01,430 --> 01:13:59,360

accretion of structural elements and so

2099

01:14:03,189 --> 01:14:01,440

um whenever i'm talking about structural

2100

01:14:05,270 --> 01:14:03,199

elements specifically what i'm

2101  
01:14:08,149 --> 01:14:05,280  
referencing is what i'll be referencing

2102  
01:14:09,669 --> 01:14:08,159  
is rna structural elements and i'll be

2103  
01:14:11,669 --> 01:14:09,679  
um

2104  
01:14:13,350 --> 01:14:11,679  
calling those rna structural elements

2105  
01:14:14,550 --> 01:14:13,360  
specifically ancestral expansion

2106  
01:14:15,669 --> 01:14:14,560  
segments

2107  
01:14:17,750 --> 01:14:15,679  
and so

2108  
01:14:19,910 --> 01:14:17,760  
as i said the idea is that

2109  
01:14:21,990 --> 01:14:19,920  
accretion is this process by which we

2110  
01:14:25,030 --> 01:14:22,000  
don't perturb a structure that came

2111  
01:14:28,550 --> 01:14:25,040  
before and we build upon and elaborate

2112  
01:14:31,030 --> 01:14:28,560  
more structure on top of that

2113  
01:14:33,030 --> 01:14:31,040

so i've just um i just kind of briefly

2114

01:14:34,149 --> 01:14:33,040

uh introduced our model for ribosomal

2115

01:14:37,430 --> 01:14:34,159

evolution

2116

01:14:40,310 --> 01:14:37,440

so my goal today will be to characterize

2117

01:14:42,390 --> 01:14:40,320

what is the first five um aes or

2118

01:14:44,870 --> 01:14:42,400

ancestral expansion segments

2119

01:14:47,030 --> 01:14:44,880

within the accretion model

2120

01:14:48,870 --> 01:14:47,040

so in terms of experimental system uh

2121

01:14:51,189 --> 01:14:48,880

that translates into

2122

01:14:53,669 --> 01:14:51,199

six rnas that are some subset of the

2123

01:14:56,470 --> 01:14:53,679

first five ancestral expansion segments

2124

01:14:57,830 --> 01:14:56,480

which i have i've listed those rnas here

2125

01:14:59,189 --> 01:14:57,840

and so if we look at this figure on the

2126  
01:15:00,470 --> 01:14:59,199  
right

2127  
01:15:01,830 --> 01:15:00,480  
we can see

2128  
01:15:14,950 --> 01:15:01,840  
the

2129  
01:15:17,830 --> 01:15:14,960  
whereby aes2

2130  
01:15:20,950 --> 01:15:17,840  
creates on aes1 and so we can see in red

2131  
01:15:22,149 --> 01:15:20,960  
this helical structure here is aes1

2132  
01:15:24,709 --> 01:15:22,159  
and then

2133  
01:15:26,470 --> 01:15:24,719  
we have the accretion of aes2 on as1 and

2134  
01:15:28,470 --> 01:15:26,480  
as i mentioned earlier feature of this

2135  
01:15:31,110 --> 01:15:28,480  
process is that the underlying

2136  
01:15:33,270 --> 01:15:31,120  
pre-existing structure in this case aes1

2137  
01:15:35,189 --> 01:15:33,280  
is unperturbed even though we've kind of

2138  
01:15:37,430 --> 01:15:35,199

added on this extra structure and then

2139

01:15:40,149 --> 01:15:37,440

we can see in other panels accretion of

2140

01:15:44,550 --> 01:15:40,159

aes3 on the as1

2141

01:15:47,669 --> 01:15:44,560

as4 creates onto as3 as5 on three

2142

01:15:49,350 --> 01:15:47,679

and then in this panel d we see um

2143

01:15:52,310 --> 01:15:49,360

secondary structure which this is just a

2144

01:15:55,750 --> 01:15:52,320

two-dimensional representation of um

2145

01:15:57,350 --> 01:15:55,760

structure of of rna that we'll sometimes

2146

01:15:58,870 --> 01:15:57,360

be using in lieu of the

2147

01:16:00,149 --> 01:15:58,880

three-dimensional structure and then

2148

01:16:02,310 --> 01:16:00,159

here on the bottom we have a

2149

01:16:04,149 --> 01:16:02,320

three-dimensional representation of all

2150

01:16:06,149 --> 01:16:04,159

five of the ancestral expansion segments

2151  
01:16:07,830 --> 01:16:06,159  
together

2152  
01:16:11,350 --> 01:16:07,840  
so

2153  
01:16:12,550 --> 01:16:11,360  
talking about today

2154  
01:16:15,270 --> 01:16:12,560  
i'll be

2155  
01:16:16,870 --> 01:16:15,280  
talking about uv melting experiments

2156  
01:16:19,430 --> 01:16:16,880  
so the basic idea of that is we're going

2157  
01:16:21,430 --> 01:16:19,440  
to monitor the absorbance

2158  
01:16:23,350 --> 01:16:21,440  
of our rna signal as we change the

2159  
01:16:25,590 --> 01:16:23,360  
temperature and that'll give us a

2160  
01:16:26,950 --> 01:16:25,600  
melting curve and then we'll take the

2161  
01:16:29,189 --> 01:16:26,960  
derivative of that melting curve and

2162  
01:16:31,669 --> 01:16:29,199  
we'll fit it to a model that'll let us

2163  
01:16:33,189 --> 01:16:31,679

see the transitions occurring

2164

01:16:34,709 --> 01:16:33,199

within that rna and that we'll use that

2165

01:16:37,830 --> 01:16:34,719

as like a proxy for

2166

01:16:40,470 --> 01:16:37,840

viewing the structure within that rna

2167

01:16:42,229 --> 01:16:40,480

and then we'll also look at um

2168

01:16:43,669 --> 01:16:42,239

shape which is a

2169

01:16:46,470 --> 01:16:43,679

structure probing method which i'll go

2170

01:16:49,430 --> 01:16:46,480

into more detail later

2171

01:16:51,350 --> 01:16:49,440

so first i want to talk about uh melting

2172

01:16:53,030 --> 01:16:51,360

so i'll start off by saying that these

2173

01:16:54,790 --> 01:16:53,040

experiments and the figures you see on

2174

01:16:57,030 --> 01:16:54,800

the slide were done by a previous

2175

01:16:58,790 --> 01:16:57,040

student in the lab catherine lanier

2176

01:17:00,310 --> 01:16:58,800

and so um

2177

01:17:03,830 --> 01:17:00,320

so maybe first we'll start off by

2178

01:17:05,830 --> 01:17:03,840

looking at panel a here which this is um

2179

01:17:08,870 --> 01:17:05,840

we see the structure of aes1 in this

2180

01:17:11,430 --> 01:17:08,880

panel and then we also see in colored in

2181

01:17:13,430 --> 01:17:11,440

this kind of solid colored line we see

2182

01:17:16,390 --> 01:17:13,440

the um

2183

01:17:18,950 --> 01:17:16,400

the derivative of the melting curve of

2184

01:17:21,350 --> 01:17:18,960

aes1 and then in the dotted line and the

2185

01:17:23,270 --> 01:17:21,360

dotted line we see the fit of that curve

2186

01:17:25,350 --> 01:17:23,280

and then in the solid black lines we see

2187

01:17:26,470 --> 01:17:25,360

what we're really interested in which is

2188

01:17:28,709 --> 01:17:26,480

the um

2189

01:17:31,910 --> 01:17:28,719

individual transitions that make up that

2190

01:17:34,870 --> 01:17:31,920

fit so this is these are basically um

2191

01:17:37,510 --> 01:17:34,880

we're basically looking at um

2192

01:17:39,750 --> 01:17:37,520

you know the if we if we consider

2193

01:17:41,189 --> 01:17:39,760

of this of this profile this melting

2194

01:17:42,470 --> 01:17:41,199

profile looks like we have two major

2195

01:17:43,750 --> 01:17:42,480

transitions

2196

01:17:46,950 --> 01:17:43,760

where uh

2197

01:17:48,870 --> 01:17:46,960

we we suggested these two transitions uh

2198

01:17:51,510 --> 01:17:48,880

correspond to the two kind of helical

2199

01:17:52,630 --> 01:17:51,520

regions within as1 so as i mentioned

2200

01:17:55,110 --> 01:17:52,640

earlier we're kind of looking at these

2201  
01:17:56,630 --> 01:17:55,120  
transitions as a proxy for the structure

2202  
01:17:58,550 --> 01:17:56,640  
in these um

2203  
01:18:00,310 --> 01:17:58,560  
in these rna elements

2204  
01:18:02,950 --> 01:18:00,320  
and so our prediction based on the

2205  
01:18:05,270 --> 01:18:02,960  
accretion model is that um because we're

2206  
01:18:07,110 --> 01:18:05,280  
adding structure on top of structure we

2207  
01:18:09,110 --> 01:18:07,120  
should see new transitions appearing

2208  
01:18:12,229 --> 01:18:09,120  
with these accretion events and so for

2209  
01:18:14,709 --> 01:18:12,239  
example if we consider the aes1 profile

2210  
01:18:17,270 --> 01:18:14,719  
and then we look at aes 1 comma 3 which

2211  
01:18:19,189 --> 01:18:17,280  
is the accretion of 3 onto one we see

2212  
01:18:20,790 --> 01:18:19,199  
indeed that there is an extra transition

2213  
01:18:22,950 --> 01:18:20,800

that appears so so here we have like

2214

01:18:24,310 --> 01:18:22,960

three major transitions a yes one we

2215

01:18:25,990 --> 01:18:24,320

only have two

2216

01:18:27,590 --> 01:18:26,000

so i'll go ahead and say that we see the

2217

01:18:29,590 --> 01:18:27,600

same trend

2218

01:18:32,310 --> 01:18:29,600

so the trim we saw we with the es3 we

2219

01:18:33,669 --> 01:18:32,320

see that with the creation of aes4 as

2220

01:18:34,870 --> 01:18:33,679

well down here

2221

01:18:36,630 --> 01:18:34,880

however

2222

01:18:41,430 --> 01:18:36,640

we don't really see this trend whenever

2223

01:18:43,270 --> 01:18:41,440

we create aes2 and then down here as5

2224

01:18:46,310 --> 01:18:43,280

and essentially what we think this boils

2225

01:18:47,990 --> 01:18:46,320

down to is the fact that as2 and 5 are

2226

01:18:50,630 --> 01:18:48,000

smaller structural elements they're only

2227

01:18:52,950 --> 01:18:50,640

about 20 nucleotides long and so

2228

01:18:54,550 --> 01:18:52,960

essentially what that means is that

2229

01:18:56,470 --> 01:18:54,560

those structures are small and so

2230

01:18:59,590 --> 01:18:56,480

whenever we melt them out we expect this

2231

01:19:03,110 --> 01:18:59,600

to have a very sharp um transition a

2232

01:19:06,310 --> 01:19:03,120

very very sharp kind of peak and so it's

2233

01:19:07,990 --> 01:19:06,320

likely that those peaks are being um

2234

01:19:10,229 --> 01:19:08,000

being covered up by the these larger

2235

01:19:12,950 --> 01:19:10,239

broader peaks that are associated with

2236

01:19:14,390 --> 01:19:12,960

um larger structural elements

2237

01:19:15,910 --> 01:19:14,400

so that's one part of the story and the

2238

01:19:18,550 --> 01:19:15,920

other part of the story

2239

01:19:21,189 --> 01:19:18,560

um that our model predicts is that we

2240

01:19:23,590 --> 01:19:21,199

shouldn't uh that the previous existing

2241

01:19:26,390 --> 01:19:23,600

transition shouldn't be perturbed at all

2242

01:19:27,910 --> 01:19:26,400

so um that's the prediction however uh

2243

01:19:29,669 --> 01:19:27,920

the picture that the data shows is much

2244

01:19:32,470 --> 01:19:29,679

more complicated so once again if we

2245

01:19:35,750 --> 01:19:32,480

focus on as1 we see we have two kind of

2246

01:19:37,990 --> 01:19:35,760

major transitions here one at around 7dc

2247

01:19:39,350 --> 01:19:38,000

and one at around 60 c

2248

01:19:41,030 --> 01:19:39,360

and then we see

2249

01:19:43,590 --> 01:19:41,040

if we once again compare with aes 1

2250

01:19:45,990 --> 01:19:43,600

comma 3 there's at least one transition

2251

01:19:48,390 --> 01:19:46,000

that looks like it's been shifted

2252

01:19:51,669 --> 01:19:48,400

and we see this trend in all of the

2253

01:19:54,229 --> 01:19:51,679

melting profiles where there's um

2254

01:19:57,030 --> 01:19:54,239

a um a peak that's shifted in terms of

2255

01:19:59,350 --> 01:19:57,040

its temperature range or um the the peak

2256

01:20:01,510 --> 01:19:59,360

is broadened so um

2257

01:20:04,310 --> 01:20:01,520

some kind of you know changes

2258

01:20:05,830 --> 01:20:04,320

to uh to the transitions happening so on

2259

01:20:07,189 --> 01:20:05,840

the one hand this seems to suggest that

2260

01:20:09,830 --> 01:20:07,199

maybe there's disagreement with our

2261

01:20:12,070 --> 01:20:09,840

model but however if we

2262

01:20:14,550 --> 01:20:12,080

if we consider the structure of the

2263

01:20:15,830 --> 01:20:14,560

ribosome that corresponds to aes one

2264

01:20:17,510 --> 01:20:15,840

through five

2265

01:20:18,709 --> 01:20:17,520

and we map on the base pairing

2266

01:20:21,510 --> 01:20:18,719

interactions of that region of the

2267

01:20:24,310 --> 01:20:21,520

ribosome as as we see in the magenta

2268

01:20:26,310 --> 01:20:24,320

lines here in this figure on the left

2269

01:20:28,310 --> 01:20:26,320

what we see is that this region of the

2270

01:20:30,070 --> 01:20:28,320

ribosome is actually really

2271

01:20:31,669 --> 01:20:30,080

these nucleotides are really integrated

2272

01:20:34,390 --> 01:20:31,679

in terms of their base pairing

2273

01:20:36,470 --> 01:20:34,400

interactions and so while the overall

2274

01:20:39,270 --> 01:20:36,480

structure may not be perturbed whenever

2275

01:20:40,390 --> 01:20:39,280

we um accrete a structural element

2276

01:20:42,149 --> 01:20:40,400

um

2277

01:20:44,390 --> 01:20:42,159

we're still kind of

2278

01:20:46,390 --> 01:20:44,400

changing this um the overall molecule in

2279

01:20:48,310 --> 01:20:46,400

the sense that we're adding um base

2280

01:20:49,830 --> 01:20:48,320

pairing interactions and so what that

2281

01:20:51,110 --> 01:20:49,840

ends up doing is changing the

2282

01:20:52,470 --> 01:20:51,120

thermodynamic properties of these

2283

01:20:54,149 --> 01:20:52,480

structures and so while the

2284

01:20:57,270 --> 01:20:54,159

three-dimensional conformation might not

2285

01:20:59,030 --> 01:20:57,280

be changing we are perturbing the um

2286

01:21:00,149 --> 01:20:59,040

the transitions to the thermodynamic

2287

01:21:03,350 --> 01:21:00,159

properties and so that's why we're

2288

01:21:04,790 --> 01:21:03,360

seeing shifting and broadening here

2289

01:21:07,270 --> 01:21:04,800

so we still so we think that that still

2290

01:21:08,629 --> 01:21:07,280

agrees with our model um

2291

01:21:10,950 --> 01:21:08,639

okay so the last thing i want to talk

2292

01:21:12,790 --> 01:21:10,960

about is shape and so the basic idea of

2293

01:21:15,990 --> 01:21:12,800

a shape experiment is that

2294

01:21:17,910 --> 01:21:16,000

you have structured rna you add your a

2295

01:21:20,870 --> 01:21:17,920

reagent and specifically this reagent

2296

01:21:22,709 --> 01:21:20,880

will selectively modify nucleotides that

2297

01:21:24,070 --> 01:21:22,719

are not base paired

2298

01:21:25,270 --> 01:21:24,080

and then we do reverse transcription

2299

01:21:27,510 --> 01:21:25,280

reaction

2300

01:21:30,229 --> 01:21:27,520

and basically what ends up happening is

2301

01:21:32,709 --> 01:21:30,239

wherever there's a modification the rt

2302

01:21:34,149 --> 01:21:32,719

likes to stop and that creates fragments

2303

01:21:36,229 --> 01:21:34,159

and then we can analyze those fragments

2304

01:21:37,990 --> 01:21:36,239

to get an idea of which nucleotides

2305

01:21:41,590 --> 01:21:38,000

within our rna tend to be modified and

2306

01:21:42,390 --> 01:21:41,600

therefore tend to be not base pairing

2307

01:21:44,070 --> 01:21:42,400

and so

2308

01:21:45,669 --> 01:21:44,080

okay so this is like a this is like the

2309

01:21:47,910 --> 01:21:45,679

broad kind of global

2310

01:21:50,310 --> 01:21:47,920

um perspective of the shape data i've

2311

01:21:53,189 --> 01:21:50,320

collected and there's a lot here and so

2312

01:21:55,510 --> 01:21:53,199

for the for sake of brevity and clarity

2313

01:21:58,070 --> 01:21:55,520

i'm going to kind of just focus on one

2314

01:21:59,990 --> 01:21:58,080

region to kind of illustrate

2315

01:22:01,030 --> 01:22:00,000

comparisons

2316

01:22:03,990 --> 01:22:01,040

and so

2317

01:22:08,229 --> 01:22:05,669

we see the shape profile of aes one

2318

01:22:09,750 --> 01:22:08,239

through five so

2319

01:22:12,390 --> 01:22:09,760

this may look like a jumble of circles

2320

01:22:14,470 --> 01:22:12,400

and colors but uh the idea is that this

2321

01:22:16,390 --> 01:22:14,480

is the secondary structure of aes one

2322

01:22:18,870 --> 01:22:16,400

through five and essentially what we've

2323

01:22:21,750 --> 01:22:18,880

done is we've made each nucleotide a

2324

01:22:22,629 --> 01:22:21,760

little circle and uh each circle has a

2325

01:22:26,950 --> 01:22:22,639

color

2326

01:22:29,030 --> 01:22:26,960

denotes a shape reactivity so it's it's

2327

01:22:31,030 --> 01:22:29,040

telling us what's the likelihood of that

2328

01:22:32,709 --> 01:22:31,040

nucleotide for forming base pairing

2329

01:22:35,350 --> 01:22:32,719

interactions

2330

01:22:36,950 --> 01:22:35,360

and so we see like really dark colored

2331

01:22:38,870 --> 01:22:36,960

dark blue and that's like low to no

2332

01:22:41,830 --> 01:22:38,880

shape reactivity and then as we move to

2333

01:22:44,470 --> 01:22:41,840

warmer colors like you can see a

2334

01:22:45,590 --> 01:22:44,480

light blue there to like a green to like

2335

01:22:48,149 --> 01:22:45,600

a yellow

2336

01:22:50,709 --> 01:22:48,159

um we're increasing the reactivity of

2337

01:22:52,790 --> 01:22:50,719

our of our nucleotide

2338

01:22:54,629 --> 01:22:52,800

and so i kind of i've circled this

2339

01:22:56,229 --> 01:22:54,639

region of the structure and this is the

2340

01:22:58,310 --> 01:22:56,239

region of interest that i want to focus

2341

01:23:02,310 --> 01:22:58,320

on um so that it's a little easier to

2342

01:23:04,229 --> 01:23:02,320

see patterns and so um i've re-um so

2343

01:23:06,629 --> 01:23:04,239

i've kind of reproduced this region for

2344

01:23:08,149 --> 01:23:06,639

each of the six rnas that are in my kind

2345

01:23:09,110 --> 01:23:08,159

of experimental set over here to the

2346

01:23:10,310 --> 01:23:09,120

right

2347

01:23:12,709 --> 01:23:10,320

and

2348

01:23:14,470 --> 01:23:12,719

basically we see a trend whereby the

2349

01:23:16,470 --> 01:23:14,480

nucleotides in the region around

2350

01:23:18,709 --> 01:23:16,480

position 80 then have heightened

2351

01:23:21,110 --> 01:23:18,719

reactivity compared to

2352

01:23:23,990 --> 01:23:21,120

nucleotides in the surrounding region

2353

01:23:26,709 --> 01:23:24,000

and so we take this as a as indication

2354

01:23:28,550 --> 01:23:26,719

that you know our experimental set is

2355

01:23:30,629 --> 01:23:28,560

consistent in terms of its structure in

2356

01:23:32,830 --> 01:23:30,639

terms of space pairing but also what

2357

01:23:35,110 --> 01:23:32,840

we're interested in is whether or not

2358

01:23:36,149 --> 01:23:35,120

um whether or not there's agreement

2359

01:23:38,709 --> 01:23:36,159

between

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01:23:41,110 --> 01:23:38,719

these experimental is this is

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01:23:43,270 --> 01:23:41,120

sorry this experimental system and the

2362

01:23:44,629 --> 01:23:43,280

structure of the ribosome itself

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01:23:48,390 --> 01:23:44,639

and so

2364

01:23:49,990 --> 01:23:48,400

if we look at the corresponding region

2365

01:23:51,910 --> 01:23:50,000

of the ribosome the region that

2366

01:23:52,950 --> 01:23:51,920

corresponds to what we're looking to

2367

01:23:55,350 --> 01:23:52,960

over here

2368

01:23:56,950 --> 01:23:55,360

we we see that um you know once again

2369

01:23:59,510 --> 01:23:56,960

base pairing interactions in these with

2370

01:24:02,070 --> 01:23:59,520

these magenta lines we see that the

2371

01:24:03,990 --> 01:24:02,080

structure of the ribosome agrees and

2372

01:24:07,910 --> 01:24:04,000

that the region that corresponds to this

2373

01:24:09,669 --> 01:24:07,920

position 80 over here is is not forming

2374

01:24:11,750 --> 01:24:09,679

um any any kind of base pairing

2375

01:24:13,270 --> 01:24:11,760

interactions so we see not only does our

2376

01:24:16,149 --> 01:24:13,280

experimental system agree with itself

2377

01:24:18,149 --> 01:24:16,159

but it also looks to agree with um the

2378

01:24:21,590 --> 01:24:18,159

base pairing as we expect it from the

2379

01:24:25,669 --> 01:24:23,910

okay so so with that i kind of i want to

2380

01:24:27,510 --> 01:24:25,679

conclude and just go ahead and say

2381

01:24:29,669 --> 01:24:27,520

broadly we think that the data that

2382

01:24:32,390 --> 01:24:29,679

we're collecting

2383

01:24:34,950 --> 01:24:32,400

agrees with our model for um

2384

01:24:37,350 --> 01:24:34,960

accretion um um

2385

01:24:40,310 --> 01:24:37,360

evolution evolution by accretion for the

2386

01:24:42,229 --> 01:24:40,320

ribosome and um it seems like we've been

2387

01:24:44,709 --> 01:24:42,239

able to resurrect some really ancient

2388

01:24:46,629 --> 01:24:44,719

truly ancient rna fragments and even

2389

01:24:48,470 --> 01:24:46,639

more broadly we've shown that we can use

2390

01:24:50,870 --> 01:24:48,480

some biophysical approaches to help us

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01:24:53,030 --> 01:24:50,880

answer some really um really deep uh

2392

01:24:54,870 --> 01:24:53,040

evolutionary questions

2393

01:24:56,870 --> 01:24:54,880

uh and so with that

2394

01:24:59,270 --> 01:24:56,880

i will say thanks for listening

2395

01:25:01,669 --> 01:24:59,280

um i'd like to give credit to of course

2396

01:25:03,750 --> 01:25:01,679

my advisor lauren williams for

2397

01:25:07,030 --> 01:25:03,760

um helping me out with this project

2398

01:25:08,470 --> 01:25:07,040

um anton petrov who's a

2399

01:25:09,990 --> 01:25:08,480

research scientist in our group did a

2400

01:25:11,510 --> 01:25:10,000

lot of like the foundational work that

2401

01:25:13,030 --> 01:25:11,520

led to this

2402

01:25:14,709 --> 01:25:13,040

this work and then as i mentioned

2403

01:25:17,270 --> 01:25:14,719

earlier catherine lear also made

2404

01:25:19,030 --> 01:25:17,280

contributions and then i'd also like to

2405

01:25:21,430 --> 01:25:19,040

recognize support from nasa in the form

2406

01:25:22,550 --> 01:25:21,440

of the center for chemical evolution

2407

01:25:23,990 --> 01:25:22,560

down here and then the center for the

2408

01:25:26,060 --> 01:25:24,000

origin of life

2409

01:25:30,550 --> 01:25:26,070

and i'll be happy to take any questions

2410

01:25:30,560 --> 01:25:39,030

great do we have any questions

2411

01:25:42,070 --> 01:25:40,629

all right so

2412

01:25:43,910 --> 01:25:42,080

there so

2413

01:25:44,870 --> 01:25:43,920

even just in

2414

01:25:46,070 --> 01:25:44,880

this

2415

01:25:48,310 --> 01:25:46,080

sort of

2416

01:25:51,910 --> 01:25:48,320

limited thing you've got uh you've this

2417

01:25:53,590 --> 01:25:51,920

limited region you've got a couple of

2418

01:25:54,790 --> 01:25:53,600

uh segments

2419

01:26:00,070 --> 01:25:54,800

and

2420

01:26:02,390 --> 01:26:00,080

with just five which i think was the

2421

01:26:05,669 --> 01:26:02,400

number you had you start getting crazy

2422

01:26:08,629 --> 01:26:05,679

combinatorics about which ones could uh

2423

01:26:10,310 --> 01:26:08,639

which ones you could

2424

01:26:12,629 --> 01:26:10,320

put together

2425

01:26:15,910 --> 01:26:12,639

part one is there a reason for choosing

2426  
01:26:17,030 --> 01:26:15,920  
exactly which sets that you chose and

2427  
01:26:20,070 --> 01:26:17,040  
part two

2428  
01:26:22,470 --> 01:26:20,080  
is it possible that by looking at

2429  
01:26:24,229 --> 01:26:22,480  
which editions produce the smallest

2430  
01:26:27,270 --> 01:26:24,239  
changes when they're added might that

2431  
01:26:29,590 --> 01:26:27,280  
have relevance to which additions

2432  
01:26:30,950 --> 01:26:29,600  
actually occurred in what order in

2433  
01:26:33,110 --> 01:26:30,960  
actual history

2434  
01:26:34,550 --> 01:26:33,120  
that's a great question so

2435  
01:26:36,550 --> 01:26:34,560  
um

2436  
01:26:39,110 --> 01:26:36,560  
i i kind of wish i had time to talk

2437  
01:26:41,430 --> 01:26:39,120  
about this i i cut i cut out some of the

2438  
01:26:42,470 --> 01:26:41,440

background just for the sake of time but

2439

01:26:43,910 --> 01:26:42,480

um

2440

01:26:45,990 --> 01:26:43,920

you know all the details surrounding

2441

01:26:48,470 --> 01:26:46,000

that is is kind of built into the model

2442

01:26:49,430 --> 01:26:48,480

but the basic idea is that

2443

01:26:52,229 --> 01:26:49,440

um

2444

01:26:54,950 --> 01:26:52,239

you know the reason we were approaching

2445

01:26:56,470 --> 01:26:54,960

this accretion idea of the evolution of

2446

01:26:58,870 --> 01:26:56,480

the ribosome is because if you look at

2447

01:27:01,510 --> 01:26:58,880

extant ribosomes um they're not all the

2448

01:27:03,350 --> 01:27:01,520

same so like human ribosomes and e coli

2449

01:27:06,390 --> 01:27:03,360

ribosomes our ribosomes are actually

2450

01:27:08,310 --> 01:27:06,400

larger in terms of their ribosomal rna

2451

01:27:10,310 --> 01:27:08,320

there's an increase in size and so

2452

01:27:11,189 --> 01:27:10,320

basically what people have seen is that

2453

01:27:12,629 --> 01:27:11,199

um

2454

01:27:14,550 --> 01:27:12,639

you know even if you look at extant

2455

01:27:16,550 --> 01:27:14,560

ribosomes we can kind of see this

2456

01:27:18,550 --> 01:27:16,560

process whereby

2457

01:27:20,790 --> 01:27:18,560

you know new regions are added on to old

2458

01:27:22,870 --> 01:27:20,800

regions and you can actually tell

2459

01:27:26,310 --> 01:27:22,880

that certain regions came before others

2460

01:27:27,510 --> 01:27:26,320

because as in as as we look at this um

2461

01:27:28,550 --> 01:27:27,520

this slide

2462

01:27:34,870 --> 01:27:28,560

um

2463

01:27:35,910 --> 01:27:34,880

interactions are within the ribosome

2464

01:27:37,750 --> 01:27:35,920

there are

2465

01:27:39,590 --> 01:27:37,760

certain structures that had to exist

2466

01:27:42,229 --> 01:27:39,600

before others so like the the metaphor

2467

01:27:43,750 --> 01:27:42,239

is is to think of it like um you know if

2468

01:27:46,550 --> 01:27:43,760

you're looking at a tree

2469

01:27:47,430 --> 01:27:46,560

um you know it's it's it's very obvious

2470

01:27:49,750 --> 01:27:47,440

that

2471

01:27:51,510 --> 01:27:49,760

the branch the branch off the trunk

2472

01:27:54,390 --> 01:27:51,520

clearly grew out of the trunk and it had

2473

01:27:56,550 --> 01:27:54,400

to have existed after the trunk and so

2474

01:27:58,709 --> 01:27:56,560

we kind of use that mentality of this

2475

01:28:01,350 --> 01:27:58,719

kind of dependency of structure and

2476

01:28:03,270 --> 01:28:01,360

that's that's the whole basis of of the

2477

01:28:05,669 --> 01:28:03,280

numbering of these ancestral expansion

2478

01:28:07,430 --> 01:28:05,679

segments so it's all it's all structure

2479

01:28:10,310 --> 01:28:07,440

based and the

2480

01:28:13,669 --> 01:28:10,320

the ordering of the um

2481

01:28:14,709 --> 01:28:13,679

of the uh combinations is very dependent

2482

01:28:17,590 --> 01:28:14,719

on that

2483

01:28:36,950 --> 01:28:19,030

great thank you so we have to move on so

2484

01:28:36,960 --> 01:28:47,350

yes

2485

01:28:51,350 --> 01:28:49,110

all right our next speaker is brooke

2486

01:28:54,310 --> 01:28:51,360

rothschild mancinelli presenting on

2487

01:28:57,189 --> 01:28:54,320

using the scrvca mitochondrial ribosome

2488

01:28:58,870 --> 01:28:57,199

as an orthogonal evolve evolvable sorry

2489

01:29:00,870 --> 01:28:58,880

translation system

2490

01:29:03,430 --> 01:29:00,880

thank you

2491

01:29:05,669 --> 01:29:03,440

all right um as you said i'm brooke and

2492

01:29:08,070 --> 01:29:05,679

i'm here to round out the trio of

2493

01:29:10,149 --> 01:29:08,080

williams lab presentations

2494

01:29:11,750 --> 01:29:10,159

and jay just talked about the past

2495

01:29:13,750 --> 01:29:11,760

evolution of the ribosome i'll be

2496

01:29:15,430 --> 01:29:13,760

talking about taking the ribosome and

2497

01:29:17,270 --> 01:29:15,440

evolving it further

2498

01:29:19,270 --> 01:29:17,280

and to this i'll be using the

2499

01:29:21,590 --> 01:29:19,280

saccharomyces cerevisiae mitochondrial

2500

01:29:23,510 --> 01:29:21,600

ribosome as an orthogonal evolvable

2501

01:29:25,669 --> 01:29:23,520

translation system

2502

01:29:28,149 --> 01:29:25,679

so let's just start with the translation

2503

01:29:30,470 --> 01:29:28,159

system as jay briefly touched on it it

2504

01:29:34,709 --> 01:29:30,480

is a system of a lot of interconnected

2505

01:29:36,870 --> 01:29:34,719

parts you have mrna trna amino acid trna

2506

01:29:38,390 --> 01:29:36,880

transferases and at the core of it all

2507

01:29:39,189 --> 01:29:38,400

is the ribosome

2508

01:29:40,950 --> 01:29:39,199

um

2509

01:29:44,550 --> 01:29:40,960

and through billions of years of

2510

01:29:47,510 --> 01:29:44,560

evolution this ribosome has evolved to

2511

01:29:49,350 --> 01:29:47,520

take the alpha l amino acids make amide

2512

01:29:51,270 --> 01:29:49,360

bonds and we've got these peptides

2513

01:29:53,669 --> 01:29:51,280

proteins coming out of it

2514

01:29:55,990 --> 01:29:53,679

but at its core it's not just making

2515

01:29:57,990 --> 01:29:56,000

these amide bonds it is a polymerization

2516

01:29:59,830 --> 01:29:58,000

machine it's finely tuned in the way

2517

01:30:02,870 --> 01:29:59,840

life is right now but it is making

2518

01:30:05,030 --> 01:30:02,880

polymers um so that means it can be its

2519

01:30:07,430 --> 01:30:05,040

function can be extended expanded to

2520

01:30:09,510 --> 01:30:07,440

make other kinds of polymers and that's

2521

01:30:12,229 --> 01:30:09,520

actually a lot of interest when you use

2522

01:30:14,310 --> 01:30:12,239

like non-canonical amino acids um and

2523

01:30:16,550 --> 01:30:14,320

other things uh because it's so

2524

01:30:18,470 --> 01:30:16,560

efficient at this um the problem with

2525

01:30:20,870 --> 01:30:18,480

evolving the ribosome is that there's a

2526

01:30:22,709 --> 01:30:20,880

really large sequence design space we've

2527

01:30:25,189 --> 01:30:22,719

got the ribosomal proteins we have the

2528

01:30:28,070 --> 01:30:25,199

ribosomal rna it's just huge it's not

2529

01:30:31,030 --> 01:30:28,080

possible to do in vitro evolving of the

2530

01:30:32,950 --> 01:30:31,040

entire ribosome you can't touch it um so

2531

01:30:34,310 --> 01:30:32,960

you have to go for an in vivo approach

2532

01:30:35,910 --> 01:30:34,320

that's more high throughput when you

2533

01:30:37,750 --> 01:30:35,920

have it in cells

2534

01:30:40,390 --> 01:30:37,760

it's easier to assay

2535

01:30:42,470 --> 01:30:40,400

but because the ribosome is so central

2536

01:30:45,189 --> 01:30:42,480

once you start touching it in vivo the

2537

01:30:47,270 --> 01:30:45,199

cell dies because almost all mutations

2538

01:30:48,470 --> 01:30:47,280

are deleterious and it's so essential

2539

01:30:50,149 --> 01:30:48,480

for survival

2540

01:30:52,470 --> 01:30:50,159

so that's when we move on to an

2541

01:30:54,229 --> 01:30:52,480

orthogonal translation system

2542

01:30:56,310 --> 01:30:54,239

so here is an orthogonal translation

2543

01:30:59,430 --> 01:30:56,320

system in e coli

2544

01:31:01,669 --> 01:30:59,440

you maintain your native translation

2545

01:31:04,149 --> 01:31:01,679

system for all the

2546

01:31:05,990 --> 01:31:04,159

native processes so you still have your

2547

01:31:08,790 --> 01:31:06,000

proteins and then you have another

2548

01:31:10,950 --> 01:31:08,800

ribosome operating at the same time and

2549

01:31:13,270 --> 01:31:10,960

this is the orthogonal one and you have

2550

01:31:14,790 --> 01:31:13,280

your mRNAs directed to which ribosome

2551  
01:31:17,990 --> 01:31:14,800  
they're going to go to so you have your

2552  
01:31:19,350 --> 01:31:18,000  
native mrna and your orthogonal mrna

2553  
01:31:21,510 --> 01:31:19,360  
but there are a few problems with this

2554  
01:31:23,430 --> 01:31:21,520  
system in e coli right now so as you can

2555  
01:31:25,189 --> 01:31:23,440  
see there's this like red tether between

2556  
01:31:27,110 --> 01:31:25,199  
these two the large subunit and the

2557  
01:31:29,590 --> 01:31:27,120  
small subunit and that's to prevent

2558  
01:31:31,590 --> 01:31:29,600  
franken ribosomes because how do these

2559  
01:31:34,149 --> 01:31:31,600  
large subunits know which small subunit

2560  
01:31:36,149 --> 01:31:34,159  
to go to so that's a big issue the other

2561  
01:31:37,830 --> 01:31:36,159  
issue is it's not just rna that makes up

2562  
01:31:40,149 --> 01:31:37,840  
ribosomes as i said before you've got

2563  
01:31:42,390 --> 01:31:40,159

your ribosomal proteins and as the cells

2564

01:31:44,149 --> 01:31:42,400

divide and make more ribosomes they

2565

01:31:46,629 --> 01:31:44,159

don't know where the protein should go

2566

01:31:48,709 --> 01:31:46,639

to which ribosomes they should go to um

2567

01:31:50,470 --> 01:31:48,719

so they can't using this orthogonal

2568

01:31:53,750 --> 01:31:50,480

system you can't touch the ribosomal

2569

01:31:55,750 --> 01:31:53,760

proteins you can only touch the rrna

2570

01:31:58,229 --> 01:31:55,760

and even with that they can't touch the

2571

01:31:59,830 --> 01:31:58,239

peptidotransferase center so it's a very

2572

01:32:01,669 --> 01:31:59,840

limited system

2573

01:32:03,750 --> 01:32:01,679

which is why we thought the

2574

01:32:05,189 --> 01:32:03,760

saccharomyces cerevisiae mitochondrial

2575

01:32:08,149 --> 01:32:05,199

ribosome would make the perfect

2576

01:32:10,790 --> 01:32:08,159

orthogonal evolvable translation system

2577

01:32:14,149 --> 01:32:10,800

so *saccharomyces cerevisiae* are a type

2578

01:32:17,110 --> 01:32:14,159

of budding yeast and as eukaryotes they

2579

01:32:18,790 --> 01:32:17,120

have cytoplasmic ribosomes and ribosomes

2580

01:32:21,430 --> 01:32:18,800

in their mitochondria

2581

01:32:24,149 --> 01:32:21,440

and these mitochondrial ribosomes have

2582

01:32:26,550 --> 01:32:24,159

their rna mitochondrial encoded but

2583

01:32:28,550 --> 01:32:26,560

their proteins and the nucleus

2584

01:32:30,470 --> 01:32:28,560

and they're completely separate so their

2585

01:32:32,229 --> 01:32:30,480

translation doesn't affect each other

2586

01:32:34,550 --> 01:32:32,239

they um

2587

01:32:37,350 --> 01:32:34,560

while the ribosomal proteins are nuclear

2588

01:32:39,030 --> 01:32:37,360

encoded for the mitochondria they uh

2589

01:32:41,790 --> 01:32:39,040

have a specific sequence sending them to

2590

01:32:44,390 --> 01:32:41,800

mitochondria so there's no issue of like

2591

01:32:46,709 --> 01:32:44,400

cross-talking of these two

2592

01:32:49,830 --> 01:32:46,719

and so i have the system for using these

2593

01:32:53,189 --> 01:32:49,840

mitochondrial ribosomes as my system i

2594

01:32:55,270 --> 01:32:53,199

guess so we start with a perturbation of

2595

01:32:57,270 --> 01:32:55,280

the mitochondrial ribosome it could be

2596

01:32:59,750 --> 01:32:57,280

editing the mitochondrial ribosomal

2597

01:33:01,910 --> 01:32:59,760

proteins it could be some other kind of

2598

01:33:03,669 --> 01:33:01,920

stopping of myo-ribosome function and

2599

01:33:04,709 --> 01:33:03,679

when i do this there are two possible

2600

01:33:06,550 --> 01:33:04,719

outcomes

2601  
01:33:09,110 --> 01:33:06,560  
either i have functional mito ribosomes

2602  
01:33:11,030 --> 01:33:09,120  
or non-functional mito ribosomes so i

2603  
01:33:12,870 --> 01:33:11,040  
can test that using

2604  
01:33:15,189 --> 01:33:12,880  
a different type of carbon source in the

2605  
01:33:16,709 --> 01:33:15,199  
growth medium in this case it's glycerol

2606  
01:33:19,350 --> 01:33:16,719  
for these cells it's a non-fermentable

2607  
01:33:21,110 --> 01:33:19,360  
carbon source so they need mitochondrial

2608  
01:33:22,870 --> 01:33:21,120  
mitochondria functional to grow on this

2609  
01:33:24,229 --> 01:33:22,880  
non-fermentable carbon source we have

2610  
01:33:26,629 --> 01:33:24,239  
functional mutations non-functional

2611  
01:33:28,229 --> 01:33:26,639  
mutations but this isn't where the story

2612  
01:33:30,629 --> 01:33:28,239  
ends and this is what's special about

2613  
01:33:33,030 --> 01:33:30,639

saccharomyces cerevisiae

2614

01:33:36,310 --> 01:33:33,040

they do not need functional mitochondria

2615

01:33:38,390 --> 01:33:36,320

to stay alive like we do so just because

2616

01:33:40,550 --> 01:33:38,400

the mutations are not functional doesn't

2617

01:33:42,310 --> 01:33:40,560

mean that the cells are dead so i can

2618

01:33:43,830 --> 01:33:42,320

take these cells with the non-functional

2619

01:33:45,750 --> 01:33:43,840

myo-ribosomes

2620

01:33:48,149 --> 01:33:45,760

and then continue to grow them in a

2621

01:33:50,470 --> 01:33:48,159

non-selective medium so using glucose as

2622

01:33:52,790 --> 01:33:50,480

the carbon source and this allows them

2623

01:33:54,229 --> 01:33:52,800

to accumulate spontaneous mutations as

2624

01:33:56,870 --> 01:33:54,239

cells divide

2625

01:33:59,110 --> 01:33:56,880

and then i can test to see if any of

2626  
01:34:00,950 --> 01:33:59,120  
these mutations are compensatory to

2627  
01:34:01,910 --> 01:34:00,960  
allow the mito ribosomes to function

2628  
01:34:07,110 --> 01:34:01,920  
again

2629  
01:34:09,510 --> 01:34:07,120  
to the glycerol as the carbon source

2630  
01:34:13,510 --> 01:34:09,520  
so to test my system i first started

2631  
01:34:16,149 --> 01:34:13,520  
with ml50 as a mitorible protein um here

2632  
01:34:18,390 --> 01:34:16,159  
we have the mito ribosome and then in

2633  
01:34:20,229 --> 01:34:18,400  
cyan we have this ml50

2634  
01:34:21,669 --> 01:34:20,239  
and i truncated it so i cut off that

2635  
01:34:24,229 --> 01:34:21,679  
part in red

2636  
01:34:26,310 --> 01:34:24,239  
and this is a mitochondrial specific uh

2637  
01:34:27,990 --> 01:34:26,320  
protein so we don't see it in

2638  
01:34:29,350 --> 01:34:28,000

our cytoplasmic ribosomes or anything

2639

01:34:31,110 --> 01:34:29,360

like that and i found with this

2640

01:34:33,590 --> 01:34:31,120

truncation that all these cells are

2641

01:34:35,430 --> 01:34:33,600

actually ypg positive so they can grow

2642

01:34:36,709 --> 01:34:35,440

in the non-preventable carbon source

2643

01:34:39,110 --> 01:34:36,719

which means their mito ribosomes are

2644

01:34:41,270 --> 01:34:39,120

functional but that gives us a very

2645

01:34:43,510 --> 01:34:41,280

limited view so i have this strain of

2646

01:34:45,270 --> 01:34:43,520

yeast with gfp that's encoded on the

2647

01:34:48,470 --> 01:34:45,280

mitochondrial genome so i can use this

2648

01:34:51,350 --> 01:34:48,480

as a readout of my ribosome function

2649

01:34:54,950 --> 01:34:51,360

and that's what i did here so in red we

2650

01:34:57,910 --> 01:34:54,960

have a type of wild type yeast so it's a

2651  
01:34:59,109 --> 01:34:57,920  
non-fluorescent strain in blue we have

2652  
01:35:01,030 --> 01:34:59,119  
the positive control so it's a

2653  
01:35:03,430 --> 01:35:01,040  
fluorescent strain and then in orange we

2654  
01:35:04,629 --> 01:35:03,440  
have the truncated protein and i grew

2655  
01:35:06,629 --> 01:35:04,639  
these and ran them through the flow

2656  
01:35:09,030 --> 01:35:06,639  
cytometer which measures size and

2657  
01:35:12,070 --> 01:35:09,040  
fluorescence per cell this is all on the

2658  
01:35:14,310 --> 01:35:12,080  
single cell level and here we have some

2659  
01:35:16,070 --> 01:35:14,320  
flow cytometer result so this is average

2660  
01:35:17,750 --> 01:35:16,080  
fluorescence per cell in relative

2661  
01:35:20,870 --> 01:35:17,760  
fluorescent units and then these are the

2662  
01:35:23,590 --> 01:35:20,880  
two media types so using ypd which is

2663  
01:35:25,750 --> 01:35:23,600

glucose and then ypg which is the

2664

01:35:26,790 --> 01:35:25,760

glycerol and once again the glycerol

2665

01:35:28,790 --> 01:35:26,800

means we have to have functional

2666

01:35:30,310 --> 01:35:28,800

mitochondria and with the

2667

01:35:33,750 --> 01:35:30,320

non-fluorescent strain we have low

2668

01:35:35,109 --> 01:35:33,760

levels of fluorescence and then with the

2669

01:35:36,870 --> 01:35:35,119

no truncation we have a high level

2670

01:35:38,550 --> 01:35:36,880

fluorescence and then an actual a

2671

01:35:41,030 --> 01:35:38,560

significant decrease in fluorescence

2672

01:35:43,189 --> 01:35:41,040

with the truncation so this shows that

2673

01:35:44,870 --> 01:35:43,199

even this midsize ribosomal truncation

2674

01:35:46,790 --> 01:35:44,880

while we still have function

2675

01:35:48,950 --> 01:35:46,800

we have a decrease in function and then

2676  
01:35:52,550 --> 01:35:48,960  
on the right here we have this histogram

2677  
01:35:55,030 --> 01:35:52,560  
showing um in the same colors the peak

2678  
01:35:56,950 --> 01:35:55,040  
shifts with the different types of

2679  
01:35:58,550 --> 01:35:56,960  
ribosomes

2680  
01:36:00,709 --> 01:35:58,560  
and then as i said earlier we were

2681  
01:36:02,550 --> 01:36:00,719  
talking about perturbations so i can

2682  
01:36:04,709 --> 01:36:02,560  
easily touch these

2683  
01:36:07,590 --> 01:36:04,719  
proteins but i can't touch the rna

2684  
01:36:09,750 --> 01:36:07,600  
because it is mitochondrial encoded but

2685  
01:36:13,350 --> 01:36:09,760  
there's another way i can perturb the

2686  
01:36:16,149 --> 01:36:13,360  
rna so mito ribosomes are actually more

2687  
01:36:18,470 --> 01:36:16,159  
similar to bacterial ribosomes than like

2688  
01:36:20,790 --> 01:36:18,480

their cytoplasmic counterparts so you

2689

01:36:23,510 --> 01:36:20,800

can use antibiotics to selectively

2690

01:36:24,870 --> 01:36:23,520

target mito ribosomes that you can't

2691

01:36:26,149 --> 01:36:24,880

without touching the cytoplasmic

2692

01:36:28,550 --> 01:36:26,159

ribosomes

2693

01:36:30,310 --> 01:36:28,560

and i started with chloramphenicol so

2694

01:36:31,430 --> 01:36:30,320

chloramphenicol prevents peptidal

2695

01:36:33,350 --> 01:36:31,440

transfer

2696

01:36:35,430 --> 01:36:33,360

um usually in bacteria so this is an e

2697

01:36:38,390 --> 01:36:35,440

coli ribosome right here um in the

2698

01:36:41,189 --> 01:36:38,400

peptidyl transferase center

2699

01:36:43,430 --> 01:36:41,199

and then it is known that mitor mitor

2700

01:36:46,149 --> 01:36:43,440

ribosomes particularly saccharomyces or

2701  
01:36:49,350 --> 01:36:46,159  
vcimitor ribosomes can accumulate one

2702  
01:36:52,790 --> 01:36:49,360  
single nucleotide polymorphism to have

2703  
01:36:54,709 --> 01:36:52,800  
um chloramphenicol resistance

2704  
01:36:56,550 --> 01:36:54,719  
so i went through this evolution

2705  
01:36:57,590 --> 01:36:56,560  
experiment using my workflow i showed

2706  
01:37:00,470 --> 01:36:57,600  
before

2707  
01:37:03,270 --> 01:37:00,480  
and uh here we have some suppressor

2708  
01:37:05,270 --> 01:37:03,280  
mutants i was able to get so we have

2709  
01:37:07,189 --> 01:37:05,280  
wild type up here and that was the

2710  
01:37:09,910 --> 01:37:07,199  
original strain and then down here we

2711  
01:37:12,070 --> 01:37:09,920  
have five suppressor strains and then i

2712  
01:37:14,310 --> 01:37:12,080  
sequenced their 21s found the single

2713  
01:37:16,629 --> 01:37:14,320

nucleotide polymorphism and then used

2714

01:37:19,990 --> 01:37:16,639

that strain in the flow cytometer to see

2715

01:37:22,550 --> 01:37:20,000

what happens to mito ribosome function

2716

01:37:23,990 --> 01:37:22,560

so um we once again have this bar chart

2717

01:37:26,790 --> 01:37:24,000

on the left with the fluorescence per

2718

01:37:30,229 --> 01:37:26,800

cell and we now have added instead of

2719

01:37:31,189 --> 01:37:30,239

just the ypd and ypg chloramphenicol to

2720

01:37:32,390 --> 01:37:31,199

the mix

2721

01:37:34,310 --> 01:37:32,400

so

2722

01:37:36,390 --> 01:37:34,320

with just ypg we have very similar

2723

01:37:39,030 --> 01:37:36,400

levels of fluorescence between the

2724

01:37:40,870 --> 01:37:39,040

positive strain and the chloramphenicol

2725

01:37:43,109 --> 01:37:40,880

resistance strain and then once we move

2726  
01:37:45,189 --> 01:37:43,119  
to ypg plus chloramphenicol only the

2727  
01:37:47,510 --> 01:37:45,199  
chloramphenicol resistance strain

2728  
01:37:49,910 --> 01:37:47,520  
um is fluorescent and has a very similar

2729  
01:37:51,350 --> 01:37:49,920  
level of fluorescence so what we can say

2730  
01:37:53,510 --> 01:37:51,360  
here is that the chloramphenicol

2731  
01:37:55,510 --> 01:37:53,520  
resistance um does not inhibit

2732  
01:37:57,830 --> 01:37:55,520  
mitoribosome function even though there

2733  
01:38:01,270 --> 01:37:57,840  
is a mutation in the 21s of the

2734  
01:38:03,189 --> 01:38:01,280  
mitoribosom and here is the histogram

2735  
01:38:05,990 --> 01:38:03,199  
with gfp fluorescence on the bottom

2736  
01:38:09,669 --> 01:38:06,000  
showing the peak shifts when we have

2737  
01:38:12,310 --> 01:38:09,679  
chloramphenicol in the ypg

2738  
01:38:14,790 --> 01:38:12,320

and with that i would like to share my

2739

01:38:16,310 --> 01:38:14,800

conclusions that the s-cerevisiae and

2740

01:38:18,070 --> 01:38:16,320

myo-ribosome

2741

01:38:19,590 --> 01:38:18,080

function decreases the short truncation

2742

01:38:21,910 --> 01:38:19,600

of ml50

2743

01:38:23,669 --> 01:38:21,920

a compensatory mutation in the 21s of

2744

01:38:25,189 --> 01:38:23,679

the mida ribosome gives resistance to

2745

01:38:27,189 --> 01:38:25,199

chloramphenicol without hindering

2746

01:38:29,990 --> 01:38:27,199

function and lastly maybe most

2747

01:38:31,990 --> 01:38:30,000

importantly the esser of seimitoribosome

2748

01:38:34,550 --> 01:38:32,000

is an isolated orthogonal evolvable

2749

01:38:36,550 --> 01:38:34,560

translation system that we can then use

2750

01:38:38,870 --> 01:38:36,560

to do further perturbations of the

2751  
01:38:40,629 --> 01:38:38,880  
ribosome

2752  
01:38:42,310 --> 01:38:40,639  
and i would like to thank lauren

2753  
01:38:44,790 --> 01:38:42,320  
williams mypi

2754  
01:38:46,310 --> 01:38:44,800  
and karil lobachev and wen ying because

2755  
01:38:48,310 --> 01:38:46,320  
they've been so instrumental in getting

2756  
01:38:50,470 --> 01:38:48,320  
me started in yeast and then lastly

2757  
01:38:52,390 --> 01:38:50,480  
professor martin ought from the

2758  
01:38:55,820 --> 01:38:52,400  
university of stockholm for kindly

2759  
01:39:00,310 --> 01:38:55,830  
gifting me this strain of yeast

2760  
01:39:07,669 --> 01:39:00,320  
[Applause]

2761  
01:39:10,870 --> 01:39:09,270  
hey so so i think this is probably a

2762  
01:39:12,470 --> 01:39:10,880  
pretty simple question because i don't

2763  
01:39:15,430 --> 01:39:12,480

have much background in this stuff but

2764

01:39:17,430 --> 01:39:15,440

how does the cell keep living once you

2765

01:39:19,990 --> 01:39:17,440

once the mito ribosome doesn't function

2766

01:39:22,709 --> 01:39:20,000

anymore what what replaces its function

2767

01:39:23,990 --> 01:39:22,719

so as long as you're growing it um on

2768

01:39:25,990 --> 01:39:24,000

glucose

2769

01:39:28,229 --> 01:39:26,000

you don't need functional mitochondria

2770

01:39:30,550 --> 01:39:28,239

okay so they just don't use them at all

2771

01:39:34,149 --> 01:39:30,560

so so does the glucose somehow replace

2772

01:39:38,070 --> 01:39:36,790

that was my question thank you

2773

01:39:41,270 --> 01:39:38,080

thanks

2774

01:39:45,350 --> 01:39:43,910

so did you say you were going to be uh

2775

01:39:47,990 --> 01:39:45,360

evolving

2776  
01:39:49,669 --> 01:39:48,000  
them in response to protein mutation as

2777  
01:39:51,590 --> 01:39:49,679  
well like the uh

2778  
01:39:52,310 --> 01:39:51,600  
yeah so that's that's in progress right

2779  
01:39:56,550 --> 01:39:52,320  
okay

2780  
01:39:59,990 --> 01:39:56,560  
yeah so um do do you have any

2781  
01:40:03,189 --> 01:40:00,000  
um intuition as to the number as to how

2782  
01:40:04,870 --> 01:40:03,199  
many generations that might take

2783  
01:40:06,870 --> 01:40:04,880  
um

2784  
01:40:08,629 --> 01:40:06,880  
in lauren williams level we do the the

2785  
01:40:11,270 --> 01:40:08,639  
evolution experiments and i'd love to

2786  
01:40:13,030 --> 01:40:11,280  
talk to you about that sometime yeah so

2787  
01:40:15,510 --> 01:40:13,040  
um we've done some successfully with

2788  
01:40:17,109 --> 01:40:15,520

truncations where i don't measure like

2789

01:40:20,149 --> 01:40:17,119

number of generations but we're talking

2790

01:40:22,310 --> 01:40:20,159

about like growing in liquid overnight

2791

01:40:24,629 --> 01:40:22,320

plating on ypd for a few days and then

2792

01:40:26,790 --> 01:40:24,639

replica plating to ypg so we're not

2793

01:40:28,629 --> 01:40:26,800

talking about long periods of time so

2794

01:40:30,149 --> 01:40:28,639

they're so they're they're

2795

01:40:31,750 --> 01:40:30,159

fixing themselves

2796

01:40:33,430 --> 01:40:31,760

in a reasonably short period of time

2797

01:40:34,870 --> 01:40:33,440

from these purposes yes and the

2798

01:40:37,109 --> 01:40:34,880

chloramphenicol resistant ones were

2799

01:40:38,709 --> 01:40:37,119

actually really fast okay so this is so

2800

01:40:40,629 --> 01:40:38,719

these are height so you're actually

2801

01:40:42,229 --> 01:40:40,639

finding highly accessible

2802

01:40:43,750 --> 01:40:42,239

uh evolution

2803

01:40:45,830 --> 01:40:43,760

yeah i'm sure the like larger

2804

01:40:47,910 --> 01:40:45,840

perturbations we do um we might have to

2805

01:40:49,590 --> 01:40:47,920

add like a chemical mutagen but

2806

01:40:51,430 --> 01:40:49,600

yeah but still so so it's so it's

2807

01:40:55,350 --> 01:40:51,440

working fast and well that's that's

2808

01:41:00,310 --> 01:40:57,750

and do you have any other questions

2809

01:41:03,040 --> 01:41:00,320

or anything from online

2810

01:41:08,390 --> 01:41:03,050

all right we can move on then thank you

2811

01:41:13,030 --> 01:41:10,950

and our last talk of the day is anthony

2812

01:41:15,350 --> 01:41:13,040

vernetti presenting on the dual origins

2813

01:41:17,109 --> 01:41:15,360

of phototrophy reveals the importance of

2814

01:41:19,430 --> 01:41:17,119

evolutionary priority effects and major

2815

01:41:21,430 --> 01:41:19,440

transitions

2816

01:41:23,109 --> 01:41:21,440

all right

2817

01:41:24,070 --> 01:41:23,119

and is this

2818

01:41:32,629 --> 01:41:24,080

gonna work

2819

01:41:36,229 --> 01:41:34,390

all right

2820

01:41:38,950 --> 01:41:36,239

so yes uh

2821

01:41:41,669 --> 01:41:38,960

my name is anthony i work with uh

2822

01:41:43,669 --> 01:41:41,679

will ratcliffe here at georgia tech

2823

01:41:47,270 --> 01:41:43,679

um ordinarily

2824

01:41:49,590 --> 01:41:47,280

i work with yeast most of the time but

2825

01:41:51,590 --> 01:41:49,600

and we actually um study the evolution

2826  
01:41:53,189 --> 01:41:51,600  
of multicellularity using yeast but that

2827  
01:41:55,830 --> 01:41:53,199  
got me interested

2828  
01:41:58,470 --> 01:41:55,840  
in studying other major evolutionary

2829  
01:42:01,270 --> 01:41:58,480  
transitions not necessarily in the lab

2830  
01:42:03,430 --> 01:42:01,280  
but by looking at uh the hit by looking

2831  
01:42:04,950 --> 01:42:03,440  
at the history of life uh

2832  
01:42:06,870 --> 01:42:04,960  
as it exists on earth i think there's

2833  
01:42:08,229 --> 01:42:06,880  
some very interesting things

2834  
01:42:10,390 --> 01:42:08,239  
that you can tell

2835  
01:42:11,990 --> 01:42:10,400  
so uh

2836  
01:42:14,950 --> 01:42:12,000  
the big question

2837  
01:42:17,109 --> 01:42:14,960  
that uh got interesting to me was are

2838  
01:42:19,350 --> 01:42:17,119

major evolutionary innovations and

2839

01:42:21,189 --> 01:42:19,360

transitions predictable or are they

2840

01:42:23,430 --> 01:42:21,199

contingent um

2841

01:42:25,669 --> 01:42:23,440

and people have been trying to answer

2842

01:42:28,390 --> 01:42:25,679

this question forever and everyone's

2843

01:42:31,430 --> 01:42:28,400

looking at the same thing and coming to

2844

01:42:33,830 --> 01:42:31,440

wildly different conclusions um you've

2845

01:42:37,030 --> 01:42:33,840

you've got there's this wonderful uh

2846

01:42:39,109 --> 01:42:37,040

book from manon in 70s where he looks at

2847

01:42:41,830 --> 01:42:39,119

bacterial biochemistry and says oh my

2848

01:42:44,870 --> 01:42:41,840

god this is so bizarre we finally know

2849

01:42:46,950 --> 01:42:44,880

we're alone in the universe and and and

2850

01:42:49,189 --> 01:42:46,960

other people look at the whole history

2851  
01:42:51,350 --> 01:42:49,199  
of life on earth and say okay this makes

2852  
01:42:52,470 --> 01:42:51,360  
sense why why why would this not be

2853  
01:42:54,790 --> 01:42:52,480  
something that would just

2854  
01:42:56,550 --> 01:42:54,800  
straightforwardly happen and so what

2855  
01:42:58,950 --> 01:42:56,560  
this tells me is that people are not

2856  
01:43:00,950 --> 01:42:58,960  
looking at this systematically they they

2857  
01:43:03,109 --> 01:43:00,960  
um they are using

2858  
01:43:05,109 --> 01:43:03,119  
wildly varying intuitions and so i think

2859  
01:43:06,950 --> 01:43:05,119  
um it would be useful to try to look at

2860  
01:43:09,030 --> 01:43:06,960  
this systematically and figure out

2861  
01:43:11,270 --> 01:43:09,040  
what's actually going on

2862  
01:43:13,990 --> 01:43:11,280  
so there are some

2863  
01:43:16,950 --> 01:43:14,000

major evolutionary innovations that

2864

01:43:18,470 --> 01:43:16,960

appear again and again and again

2865

01:43:21,590 --> 01:43:18,480

um and

2866

01:43:23,990 --> 01:43:21,600

this is a beautiful tree of uh the

2867

01:43:26,629 --> 01:43:24,000

eukaryotes every clade in there that has

2868

01:43:28,870 --> 01:43:26,639

any yellow on it has multi-cellular

2869

01:43:30,390 --> 01:43:28,880

uh instances and that's not it that

2870

01:43:32,149 --> 01:43:30,400

that's not derived from the beginning

2871

01:43:34,070 --> 01:43:32,159

that's every every one of those has

2872

01:43:35,910 --> 01:43:34,080

separately invented it it just happens

2873

01:43:38,310 --> 01:43:35,920

over and over

2874

01:43:40,790 --> 01:43:38,320

and so this is fairly predictable this

2875

01:43:42,709 --> 01:43:40,800

is something that uh is easy it happens

2876

01:43:44,709 --> 01:43:42,719

all the time

2877

01:43:45,910 --> 01:43:44,719

but there's a lot of innovations that

2878

01:43:47,189 --> 01:43:45,920

people call

2879

01:43:48,390 --> 01:43:47,199

well not a lot there are multiple

2880

01:43:50,790 --> 01:43:48,400

innovations that people call

2881

01:43:53,350 --> 01:43:50,800

evolutionary singularities these are

2882

01:43:54,709 --> 01:43:53,360

things that happened once and only once

2883

01:43:57,590 --> 01:43:54,719

and changed the world and people are

2884

01:43:59,669 --> 01:43:57,600

very interested in these um the

2885

01:44:01,669 --> 01:43:59,679

classic one is of course

2886

01:44:04,550 --> 01:44:01,679

origin of the translation in genetic

2887

01:44:07,750 --> 01:44:04,560

code that's a heck of a big deal um

2888

01:44:08,629 --> 01:44:07,760

origin of eukaryotes is very important

2889

01:44:10,870 --> 01:44:08,639

um

2890

01:44:12,550 --> 01:44:10,880

and so why are these things singular

2891

01:44:15,109 --> 01:44:12,560

these could be extremely unlikely to

2892

01:44:17,430 --> 01:44:15,119

evolve and we only see them because of

2893

01:44:19,910 --> 01:44:17,440

an anthropic selection effect like we're

2894

01:44:21,830 --> 01:44:19,920

here because interesting things happened

2895

01:44:22,629 --> 01:44:21,840

meaning that we can look at it

2896

01:44:26,629 --> 01:44:22,639

or

2897

01:44:28,310 --> 01:44:26,639

process that limits what you can

2898

01:44:29,750 --> 01:44:28,320

actually see

2899

01:44:32,550 --> 01:44:29,760

and uh

2900

01:44:34,390 --> 01:44:32,560

and what is there today so how can we

2901

01:44:39,109 --> 01:44:34,400

look at this

2902

01:44:42,470 --> 01:44:39,119

at a phototrophy phototrophy is the

2903

01:44:43,669 --> 01:44:42,480

ability to use light for biological

2904

01:44:45,990 --> 01:44:43,679

energy

2905

01:44:48,870 --> 01:44:46,000

and i would argue that this is the

2906

01:44:51,350 --> 01:44:48,880

second most important major evolutionary

2907

01:44:54,709 --> 01:44:51,360

innovation after

2908

01:44:56,870 --> 01:44:54,719

translation itself basically because um

2909

01:45:00,550 --> 01:44:56,880

non-phototrophic primary production is

2910

01:45:02,870 --> 01:45:00,560

barely any of the total biomass of earth

2911

01:45:06,790 --> 01:45:02,880

the the vast majority

2912

01:45:09,910 --> 01:45:06,800

of biomass comes from using light to fix

2913

01:45:12,310 --> 01:45:09,920

carbon and um it's not a coincidence

2914

01:45:14,550 --> 01:45:12,320

that the earliest evidence of life on

2915

01:45:16,790 --> 01:45:14,560

earth that nobody disagrees with is

2916

01:45:18,709 --> 01:45:16,800

photosynthetic microbial mass this this

2917

01:45:20,950 --> 01:45:18,719

this is not an accident this is it

2918

01:45:22,390 --> 01:45:20,960

changed everything um

2919

01:45:23,750 --> 01:45:22,400

it take it takes the earth from

2920

01:45:26,229 --> 01:45:23,760

something where you might not notice it

2921

01:45:27,910 --> 01:45:26,239

was alive if you were standing on it to

2922

01:45:30,390 --> 01:45:27,920

something where you can see the

2923

01:45:33,189 --> 01:45:30,400

atmosphere is weird across the galaxy

2924

01:45:35,270 --> 01:45:33,199

with a good instrument so um

2925

01:45:36,070 --> 01:45:35,280

i would say this is fairly important

2926

01:45:38,070 --> 01:45:36,080

um

2927

01:45:40,310 --> 01:45:38,080

the interesting thing though phototrophy

2928

01:45:42,629 --> 01:45:40,320

was invented twice

2929

01:45:44,229 --> 01:45:42,639

not once it's not singular but it's not

2930

01:45:46,950 --> 01:45:44,239

like multicellularity with it being

2931

01:45:47,750 --> 01:45:46,960

invented a bunch of times and two

2932

01:45:50,310 --> 01:45:47,760

is

2933

01:45:52,629 --> 01:45:50,320

interesting it it provides information

2934

01:45:55,510 --> 01:45:52,639

because you can compare the two against

2935

01:45:57,990 --> 01:45:55,520

each other but it's still rare it means

2936

01:46:00,310 --> 01:45:58,000

that there is something limiting the

2937

01:46:02,629 --> 01:46:00,320

number of instances that you see and so

2938

01:46:05,590 --> 01:46:02,639

i think this is an important window into

2939

01:46:08,229 --> 01:46:05,600

things that are truly singular

2940

01:46:10,629 --> 01:46:08,239

and this has happened like i said twice

2941

01:46:12,870 --> 01:46:10,639

it's happened in retinal phototrophs and

2942

01:46:14,629 --> 01:46:12,880

chlorophototrophs chlorophototrophs

2943

01:46:17,350 --> 01:46:14,639

everything green you see outside is a

2944

01:46:19,510 --> 01:46:17,360

subset of that um and written aloe

2945

01:46:21,350 --> 01:46:19,520

phototrophs uh they're generally purple

2946

01:46:22,950 --> 01:46:21,360

they're all microbes uh you see them

2947

01:46:25,030 --> 01:46:22,960

flying over salt flats is where you're

2948

01:46:26,950 --> 01:46:25,040

most likely to actually see them in your

2949

01:46:27,910 --> 01:46:26,960

in your day-to-day life

2950

01:46:28,790 --> 01:46:27,920

so

2951

01:46:31,350 --> 01:46:28,800

um

2952

01:46:35,510 --> 01:46:31,360

like i said very important window into

2953

01:46:37,350 --> 01:46:35,520

evolutionary innovation i want to uh

2954

01:46:38,470 --> 01:46:37,360

see why we're looking at two why we're

2955

01:46:40,950 --> 01:46:38,480

seeing two

2956

01:46:43,590 --> 01:46:40,960

and also how they compare to each other

2957

01:46:46,390 --> 01:46:43,600

so this is the wrong um this is the

2958

01:46:49,590 --> 01:46:46,400

wrong uh file so

2959

01:46:51,350 --> 01:46:49,600

let's see this is a i i am pretty sure

2960

01:46:53,109 --> 01:46:51,360

that's this this is this is indeed the

2961

01:46:57,300 --> 01:46:53,119

wrong file can i put something on from

2962

01:46:57,310 --> 01:47:05,510

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2963

01:47:11,669 --> 01:47:08,709

okay i got it i got it from here

2964

01:47:14,629 --> 01:47:13,910

let's see

2965

01:47:16,709 --> 01:47:14,639

or

2966

01:47:24,550 --> 01:47:16,719

the other one

2967

01:47:24,560 --> 01:47:27,910

there we are

2968

01:47:27,920 --> 01:47:32,070

got it

2969

01:47:32,080 --> 01:47:35,350

there we go

2970

01:47:38,870 --> 01:47:36,390

sorry about the

2971

01:47:41,830 --> 01:47:38,880

slight issue there so um let's take a

2972

01:47:44,790 --> 01:47:41,840

look at the two different uh instances

2973

01:47:46,629 --> 01:47:44,800

of phototrophy on earth so uh

2974

01:47:48,790 --> 01:47:46,639

the first one i'm gonna look at is

2975

01:47:51,270 --> 01:47:48,800

microbial rhodopsins this is what

2976

01:47:54,470 --> 01:47:51,280

mediates phototrophy this system is just

2977

01:47:56,390 --> 01:47:54,480

a single 27 kilo dalton membrane protein

2978

01:47:59,430 --> 01:47:56,400

got a little dye molecule in it it

2979

01:48:01,109 --> 01:47:59,440

absorbs one photon and pumps one proton

2980

01:48:03,750 --> 01:48:01,119

every time that it runs

2981

01:48:05,590 --> 01:48:03,760

um and it's it gathers a small fraction

2982

01:48:08,709 --> 01:48:05,600

of the energy of that photon

2983

01:48:10,870 --> 01:48:08,719

and it's really simple um this is the

2984

01:48:13,669 --> 01:48:10,880

entire functional unit you need

2985

01:48:15,910 --> 01:48:13,679

two to five genes to make the pigment so

2986

01:48:17,910 --> 01:48:15,920

this horizontally transfers like mad

2987

01:48:21,510 --> 01:48:17,920

it's all over the place it's in bacteria

2988

01:48:22,950 --> 01:48:21,520

archaea eukaryotes everywhere and um

2989

01:48:26,550 --> 01:48:22,960

this is a nice way to just get a little

2990

01:48:28,390 --> 01:48:26,560

bit of energy from uh from from light

2991

01:48:30,470 --> 01:48:28,400

then you've got the chlorophototrophic

2992

01:48:33,030 --> 01:48:30,480

reaction centers these

2993

01:48:34,550 --> 01:48:33,040

are extraordinarily different these are

2994

01:48:35,990 --> 01:48:34,560

these are horribly

2995

01:48:38,149 --> 01:48:36,000

complicated this is oxygenic

2996

01:48:41,030 --> 01:48:38,159

photosynthesis and many other groups of

2997

01:48:42,550 --> 01:48:41,040

bacteria um you've got dozens of

2998

01:48:43,510 --> 01:48:42,560

chlorophyll and bacterial chlorophyll

2999

01:48:45,910 --> 01:48:43,520

pigments

3000

01:48:48,390 --> 01:48:45,920

other things redox cofactors everything

3001

01:48:50,149 --> 01:48:48,400

in an enormous multi-protein uh complex

3002

01:48:52,149 --> 01:48:50,159

and this is which is itself part of an

3003

01:48:52,950 --> 01:48:52,159

electron transport chain

3004

01:48:54,950 --> 01:48:52,960

so

3005

01:48:57,270 --> 01:48:54,960

and this moves around electrons via

3006

01:48:59,030 --> 01:48:57,280

photochemistry um and so by plugging

3007

01:49:01,750 --> 01:48:59,040

this into an electron transport chain

3008

01:49:04,229 --> 01:49:01,760

every photon you absorb you can pump two

3009

01:49:05,669 --> 01:49:04,239

to four protons across the membrane and

3010

01:49:07,109 --> 01:49:05,679

charge it up and this and it depends on

3011

01:49:08,390 --> 01:49:07,119

the exact electron transport chain

3012

01:49:09,510 --> 01:49:08,400

you're plugged into it's it's super

3013

01:49:11,990 --> 01:49:09,520

flexible

3014

01:49:13,669 --> 01:49:12,000

and you can also use it to fix carbon

3015

01:49:15,750 --> 01:49:13,679

because you can shoot electrons up to

3016

01:49:17,510 --> 01:49:15,760

energy levels that can be used to to

3017

01:49:19,189 --> 01:49:17,520

reduce the co2 and in order to

3018

01:49:21,830 --> 01:49:19,199

horizontally transfer this

3019

01:49:23,910 --> 01:49:21,840

you need to transfer 30 genes it does

3020

01:49:25,990 --> 01:49:23,920

happen over evolutionary time but it's

3021

01:49:29,270 --> 01:49:26,000

but it's rare that you can you can look

3022

01:49:30,950 --> 01:49:29,280

at a tree and of of life and count the

3023

01:49:31,990 --> 01:49:30,960

number of times it uh it probably

3024

01:49:32,709 --> 01:49:32,000

happened

3025

01:49:34,550 --> 01:49:32,719

so

3026

01:49:36,470 --> 01:49:34,560

these things are very different and yes

3027

01:49:39,030 --> 01:49:36,480

this is this is the kind that this is

3028

01:49:41,350 --> 01:49:39,040

the most complicated uh system this is

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01:49:43,910 --> 01:49:41,360

the one that actually makes oxygen it

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01:49:45,990 --> 01:49:43,920

gets as simple as that so now this is

3031

01:49:47,910 --> 01:49:46,000

this is this is

3032

01:49:49,189 --> 01:49:47,920

this this is much more complicated than

3033

01:49:50,070 --> 01:49:49,199

the other version

3034

01:49:52,950 --> 01:49:50,080

so

3035

01:49:54,390 --> 01:49:52,960

little bit they're just very different

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01:49:56,950 --> 01:49:54,400

systems you've got this simple system

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01:49:58,950 --> 01:49:56,960

that just pumps one proton per photon

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01:50:02,070 --> 01:49:58,960

you got this enormous system that also

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01:50:04,229 --> 01:50:02,080

plugs into uh antenna pigments that sort

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01:50:06,950 --> 01:50:04,239

of funnel light into it and plugs into

3041

01:50:08,790 --> 01:50:06,960

an electron transport chain um and these

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01:50:11,270 --> 01:50:08,800

things are different in so many ways and

3043

01:50:13,030 --> 01:50:11,280

the light they absorb the elements that

3044

01:50:14,950 --> 01:50:13,040

are in them i'm not going to talk about

3045

01:50:17,910 --> 01:50:14,960

that right now i'm just going to talk

3046

01:50:19,750 --> 01:50:17,920

about one particular difference between

3047

01:50:22,149 --> 01:50:19,760

them and that is

3048

01:50:24,950 --> 01:50:22,159

the has to do with their energy flux and

3049

01:50:26,550 --> 01:50:24,960

yield versus their mass and you get this

3050

01:50:27,669 --> 01:50:26,560

just by looking at the size of the

3051

01:50:30,709 --> 01:50:27,679

system

3052

01:50:31,830 --> 01:50:30,719

how fast it turns over and what it

3053

01:50:34,629 --> 01:50:31,840

produces

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01:50:36,310 --> 01:50:34,639

and uh bri and bringing these numbers uh

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01:50:38,790 --> 01:50:36,320

together and turns out this tells you

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01:50:41,189 --> 01:50:38,800

something super interesting

3057

01:50:44,790 --> 01:50:41,199

um this is a graph

3058

01:50:46,550 --> 01:50:44,800

of the energy flux per unit mass when

3059

01:50:48,070 --> 01:50:46,560

the system is running full tilt i dug up

3060

01:50:49,669 --> 01:50:48,080

a bunch of information on a bunch of

3061

01:50:51,669 --> 01:50:49,679

different systems i got two

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01:50:53,669 --> 01:50:51,679

chlorophotrophic systems and two retinal

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01:50:55,990 --> 01:50:53,679

phototrophic systems the retinal's

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01:50:57,669 --> 01:50:56,000

churning energy like crazy per unit mass

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01:50:59,750 --> 01:50:57,679

when it's at saturation

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01:51:01,430 --> 01:50:59,760

and so and that's because yeah they

3067

01:51:03,350 --> 01:51:01,440

they're not as good they're inefficient

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01:51:05,510 --> 01:51:03,360

they run slower but they're tiny you get

3069

01:51:06,950 --> 01:51:05,520

you get you get um an enormous flux per

3070

01:51:08,070 --> 01:51:06,960

unit mass

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01:51:10,070 --> 01:51:08,080

um

3072

01:51:12,870 --> 01:51:10,080

it's and it's really low fluxes per unit

3073

01:51:13,910 --> 01:51:12,880

mass for the for the chlorophyll and so

3074

01:51:16,870 --> 01:51:13,920

um

3075

01:51:19,109 --> 01:51:16,880

you get an enormous return on investment

3076

01:51:21,109 --> 01:51:19,119

for for the same mass of rhodopsin

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01:51:22,390 --> 01:51:21,119

versus a versus a chlorophototropic

3078

01:51:24,470 --> 01:51:22,400

system

3079

01:51:26,550 --> 01:51:24,480

but at the same time this larger

3080

01:51:28,149 --> 01:51:26,560

machinery it also absorbs a lot more

3081

01:51:30,709 --> 01:51:28,159

light it's full of lots and lots of

3082

01:51:31,669 --> 01:51:30,719

pigment and so uh if you actually look

3083

01:51:33,669 --> 01:51:31,679

at them

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01:51:36,629 --> 01:51:33,679

at different light levels

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01:51:39,109 --> 01:51:36,639

at low light the chlorophyll winds hands

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01:51:41,270 --> 01:51:39,119

down these two lines if at really low

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01:51:44,390 --> 01:51:41,280

levels this one this orange line here

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01:51:45,910 --> 01:51:44,400

actually wins handily at low light

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01:51:47,669 --> 01:51:45,920

levels the chlorophyll wins handily at

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01:51:50,070 --> 01:51:47,679

highlight levels the

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01:51:51,910 --> 01:51:50,080

retinal winds handily

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01:51:54,070 --> 01:51:51,920

so the chlorophytotrophs are efficient

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01:51:55,189 --> 01:51:54,080

per incident photon but then they

3094

01:51:58,229 --> 01:51:55,199

saturate

3095

01:52:00,790 --> 01:51:58,239

the retinal is efficient per unit

3096

01:52:03,510 --> 01:52:00,800

infrastructure when the resource is

3097

01:52:06,149 --> 01:52:03,520

abundant so now this is looking at a

3098

01:52:08,790 --> 01:52:06,159

couple of systems that exist in life

3099

01:52:11,830 --> 01:52:08,800

today i can do better than this

3100

01:52:15,750 --> 01:52:11,840

i um i have um actually managed to

3101  
01:52:18,790 --> 01:52:15,760  
create this simplified numerical model

3102  
01:52:20,470 --> 01:52:18,800  
of just a generic phototrophic system

3103  
01:52:23,030 --> 01:52:20,480  
this can be applied to either

3104  
01:52:26,149 --> 01:52:23,040  
chlorophototrophs or retinal phototrophs

3105  
01:52:27,830 --> 01:52:26,159  
you take a central engine as a given in

3106  
01:52:29,589 --> 01:52:27,840  
orange here

3107  
01:52:32,070 --> 01:52:29,599  
it's got a certain amount of absorption

3108  
01:52:33,750 --> 01:52:32,080  
it can do it has a velocity a yield

3109  
01:52:35,350 --> 01:52:33,760  
and then you have different amounts of

3110  
01:52:37,430 --> 01:52:35,360  
antennas

3111  
01:52:39,430 --> 01:52:37,440  
and this is this is a feature of

3112  
01:52:43,189 --> 01:52:39,440  
everything that uses chlorophyll and

3113  
01:52:44,629 --> 01:52:43,199

some things that use retinal and um

3114

01:52:46,790 --> 01:52:44,639

and then you have and then this whole

3115

01:52:48,870 --> 01:52:46,800

machinery gets degraded i've i've

3116

01:52:51,109 --> 01:52:48,880

parameterized all this based on

3117

01:52:52,870 --> 01:52:51,119

work of 15 other

3118

01:52:54,149 --> 01:52:52,880

groups i've you have done amazing

3119

01:52:56,709 --> 01:52:54,159

experiments

3120

01:53:00,149 --> 01:52:56,719

and um what i'm able to do is i'm able

3121

01:53:02,709 --> 01:53:00,159

to vary the light level and allow the

3122

01:53:04,790 --> 01:53:02,719

amount of antenna to vary and create a

3123

01:53:07,270 --> 01:53:04,800

numerical solution for the optimal

3124

01:53:09,669 --> 01:53:07,280

chlorophototroph and the optimal retinal

3125

01:53:12,470 --> 01:53:09,679

phototroph for a given light intensity

3126  
01:53:13,910 --> 01:53:12,480  
which is sort of an ecological sub-niche

3127  
01:53:16,149 --> 01:53:13,920  
when i do that

3128  
01:53:18,629 --> 01:53:16,159  
this is what i get this is light

3129  
01:53:21,109 --> 01:53:18,639  
intensity from super low all the way up

3130  
01:53:23,430 --> 01:53:21,119  
to direct sunlight at the equator

3131  
01:53:26,390 --> 01:53:23,440  
and this is the efficiency per unit

3132  
01:53:29,510 --> 01:53:26,400  
light of the two systems and efficiency

3133  
01:53:31,910 --> 01:53:29,520  
per unit protein of the two systems so

3134  
01:53:33,430 --> 01:53:31,920  
at low light once again the chlorophyll

3135  
01:53:36,229 --> 01:53:33,440  
wins hands down and highlight the

3136  
01:53:37,910 --> 01:53:36,239  
retinal winds uh hands down

3137  
01:53:40,629 --> 01:53:37,920  
and when i actually look at their

3138  
01:53:43,510 --> 01:53:40,639

compositions um this is the amount of

3139

01:53:46,229 --> 01:53:43,520

antenna associated with each system

3140

01:53:48,709 --> 01:53:46,239

um at their crossover point um this

3141

01:53:51,189 --> 01:53:48,719

amount of antenna is within 30 percent

3142

01:53:52,790 --> 01:53:51,199

of the smallest known antenna of actual

3143

01:53:56,390 --> 01:53:52,800

chlorophyll terrific system so i think

3144

01:53:59,030 --> 01:53:56,400

i'm on to something and the uh

3145

01:54:01,990 --> 01:53:59,040

expected largest antenna for the um

3146

01:54:04,629 --> 01:54:02,000

retinol it's smaller than the smallest

3147

01:54:06,310 --> 01:54:04,639

antenna that ever actually exists and so

3148

01:54:08,709 --> 01:54:06,320

the fact that there's no

3149

01:54:10,950 --> 01:54:08,719

retinal systems with an antenna other

3150

01:54:13,189 --> 01:54:10,960

than just sort of a extra dye molecule

3151  
01:54:15,270 --> 01:54:13,199  
shoved into a gap in the mall in the in

3152  
01:54:16,709 --> 01:54:15,280  
the protein i think again i think i'm on

3153  
01:54:19,189 --> 01:54:16,719  
to something i'm reproducing what

3154  
01:54:21,030 --> 01:54:19,199  
actually is seen

3155  
01:54:22,550 --> 01:54:21,040  
and like once again i can i can

3156  
01:54:25,030 --> 01:54:22,560  
parameterize this however i want this is

3157  
01:54:27,270 --> 01:54:25,040  
sort of the the advantage that each of

3158  
01:54:29,270 --> 01:54:27,280  
them that each system has at different

3159  
01:54:30,709 --> 01:54:29,280  
light levels so once again

3160  
01:54:32,870 --> 01:54:30,719  
the chlorophyll

3161  
01:54:35,589 --> 01:54:32,880  
is efficient per unit resource at low

3162  
01:54:38,390 --> 01:54:35,599  
resource availability the

3163  
01:54:41,910 --> 01:54:38,400

retinal is efficient per unit uh

3164

01:54:43,669 --> 01:54:41,920

investment at high light availability

3165

01:54:46,870 --> 01:54:43,679

and if you want to sort of turn this

3166

01:54:48,470 --> 01:54:46,880

into a summary this is

3167

01:54:50,390 --> 01:54:48,480

instead of the axis of light you have

3168

01:54:52,709 --> 01:54:50,400

efficiency per unit protein

3169

01:54:54,790 --> 01:54:52,719

versus efficiency per unit light and

3170

01:54:56,709 --> 01:54:54,800

these are the two systems and together

3171

01:54:58,070 --> 01:54:56,719

this defines what you call a pareto

3172

01:55:01,030 --> 01:54:58,080

front so

3173

01:55:03,109 --> 01:55:01,040

this altogether is the trade-off along

3174

01:55:05,750 --> 01:55:03,119

which you have to move as something that

3175

01:55:07,350 --> 01:55:05,760

can compete in the world today you start

3176

01:55:09,189 --> 01:55:07,360

out if you start off down here you're

3177

01:55:11,270 --> 01:55:09,199

not going to be able to do well somebody

3178

01:55:13,910 --> 01:55:11,280

is going to be better than you if you're

3179

01:55:15,430 --> 01:55:13,920

on this line you can move along this

3180

01:55:17,350 --> 01:55:15,440

line but the but the fundamental

3181

01:55:19,189 --> 01:55:17,360

structure keeps you from getting better

3182

01:55:20,870 --> 01:55:19,199

on all axes in order to get better on

3183

01:55:22,629 --> 01:55:20,880

one axis you need to get worse on the

3184

01:55:24,390 --> 01:55:22,639

other

3185

01:55:26,629 --> 01:55:24,400

so

3186

01:55:28,709 --> 01:55:26,639

this efficiency per protein versus

3187

01:55:31,589 --> 01:55:28,719

efficiency per resource trade-off is all

3188

01:55:33,350 --> 01:55:31,599

over microbial ecology not just this

3189

01:55:36,149 --> 01:55:33,360

this is exactly the trade-off that's in

3190

01:55:37,510 --> 01:55:36,159

respiration and fermentation this is um

3191

01:55:40,470 --> 01:55:37,520

this diagram

3192

01:55:43,270 --> 01:55:40,480

in fermentation you're throwing lots of

3193

01:55:45,589 --> 01:55:43,280

uh substrate in the trash

3194

01:55:47,589 --> 01:55:45,599

and you get a certain amount of atp

3195

01:55:48,950 --> 01:55:47,599

respiration you use less substrate for

3196

01:55:50,629 --> 01:55:48,960

the same atp but you need a lot more

3197

01:55:53,350 --> 01:55:50,639

protein there's different forms of

3198

01:55:54,950 --> 01:55:53,360

glycolysis that um have exactly the same

3199

01:55:56,149 --> 01:55:54,960

trade-off that you find in arabs versus

3200

01:55:58,149 --> 01:55:56,159

anaerobes

3201  
01:56:01,030 --> 01:55:58,159  
and when you are maximizing return on a

3202  
01:56:04,470 --> 01:56:01,040  
small investment this

3203  
01:56:06,550 --> 01:56:04,480  
maximizes your growth rate

3204  
01:56:07,830 --> 01:56:06,560  
in rich resources or your flexibility

3205  
01:56:09,669 --> 01:56:07,840  
because you can have more kinds of

3206  
01:56:12,229 --> 01:56:09,679  
machinery and if you're maximizing

3207  
01:56:14,390 --> 01:56:12,239  
return on a resource that maximizes your

3208  
01:56:16,070 --> 01:56:14,400  
yield on a rare resource or your ability

3209  
01:56:17,589 --> 01:56:16,080  
to be a specialist in some kind of

3210  
01:56:18,470 --> 01:56:17,599  
narrow niche

3211  
01:56:19,990 --> 01:56:18,480  
so

3212  
01:56:22,229 --> 01:56:20,000  
what does this say

3213  
01:56:24,629 --> 01:56:22,239

um about this about this major

3214

01:56:26,229 --> 01:56:24,639

innovation there's extremely precise

3215

01:56:27,510 --> 01:56:26,239

niche partitioning between these two

3216

01:56:29,430 --> 01:56:27,520

phototrophs

3217

01:56:31,350 --> 01:56:29,440

they neatly divide the phototrophic

3218

01:56:33,510 --> 01:56:31,360

niche with one being efficient in terms

3219

01:56:35,109 --> 01:56:33,520

of investment and one being efficient in

3220

01:56:37,189 --> 01:56:35,119

terms of resource

3221

01:56:39,189 --> 01:56:37,199

um and there's other aspects which i'm

3222

01:56:40,629 --> 01:56:39,199

not getting into here but every way you

3223

01:56:42,310 --> 01:56:40,639

look at them they're actually really

3224

01:56:44,310 --> 01:56:42,320

complementary in terms of what makes

3225

01:56:46,149 --> 01:56:44,320

them up their ability to horizontally

3226

01:56:49,270 --> 01:56:46,159

transfer even the wavelengths of light

3227

01:56:51,109 --> 01:56:49,280

they use it's it's it's eerie

3228

01:56:53,270 --> 01:56:51,119

um and i think it's unlikely that these

3229

01:56:55,030 --> 01:56:53,280

would be dividing the niche so

3230

01:56:57,270 --> 01:56:55,040

precisely if their properties were

3231

01:56:58,470 --> 01:56:57,280

random i don't think they are

3232

01:57:00,470 --> 01:56:58,480

and this suggests that there's

3233

01:57:03,030 --> 01:57:00,480

ecological interactions in their past

3234

01:57:04,550 --> 01:57:03,040

causing evolutionary priority effects

3235

01:57:05,350 --> 01:57:04,560

and that's where

3236

01:57:07,589 --> 01:57:05,360

um

3237

01:57:09,669 --> 01:57:07,599

something evolves into a new niche it

3238

01:57:12,709 --> 01:57:09,679

spreads and fills it it gets good at

3239

01:57:14,790 --> 01:57:12,719

that niche and prevents new upstarts

3240

01:57:17,109 --> 01:57:14,800

from surviving in that niche because

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01:57:19,750 --> 01:57:17,119

they are going to be very bad compared

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01:57:21,669 --> 01:57:19,760

to it and i think each mode of photo

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01:57:24,470 --> 01:57:21,679

trophy has been suppressing the

3244

01:57:26,229 --> 01:57:24,480

evolution of things too like themselves

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01:57:27,750 --> 01:57:26,239

now let's look at that in just a little

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01:57:28,790 --> 01:57:27,760

more detail because the story gets

3247

01:57:29,830 --> 01:57:28,800

interesting

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01:57:33,430 --> 01:57:29,840

um

3249

01:57:35,830 --> 01:57:33,440

this is sort of a diagram of the process

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01:57:37,350 --> 01:57:35,840

of evolution based on that trade-off

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01:57:39,109 --> 01:57:37,360

that we saw before

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01:57:42,390 --> 01:57:39,119

either one of these is going to start

3253

01:57:43,830 --> 01:57:42,400

off bad on both in both respects and

3254

01:57:46,950 --> 01:57:43,840

it's going to evolve through some free

3255

01:57:49,510 --> 01:57:46,960

lunches getting better in terms of

3256

01:57:51,510 --> 01:57:49,520

resource and investment until it hits

3257

01:57:54,229 --> 01:57:51,520

the physical limit and then it's forced

3258

01:57:55,189 --> 01:57:54,239

to trade off along this front the thing

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01:57:57,910 --> 01:57:55,199

is

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01:57:59,589 --> 01:57:57,920

both of these have a full trade-off

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01:58:01,350 --> 01:57:59,599

front and so

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01:58:03,990 --> 01:58:01,360

why are there two you want you might

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01:58:07,030 --> 01:58:04,000

expect that whoever came first

3264

01:58:08,950 --> 01:58:07,040

would have just filled this entire front

3265

01:58:12,470 --> 01:58:08,960

and prevented the evolution of

3266

01:58:14,709 --> 01:58:12,480

everything strictly inferior to it and

3267

01:58:15,910 --> 01:58:14,719

it turns out that

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01:58:17,830 --> 01:58:15,920

there is something that a

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01:58:19,270 --> 01:58:17,840

chlorophytotroph can do that a retinal

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01:58:21,510 --> 01:58:19,280

phototroph can't

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01:58:23,030 --> 01:58:21,520

no retinal phototroph can build biomass

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01:58:25,270 --> 01:58:23,040

using light it just doesn't pump the

3273

01:58:28,149 --> 01:58:25,280

membrane up to a high enough voltage to

3274

01:58:29,350 --> 01:58:28,159

run to run redox reactions in reverse

3275

01:58:32,470 --> 01:58:29,360

so

3276

01:58:34,149 --> 01:58:32,480

even a very bad chlorophototroph can

3277

01:58:35,510 --> 01:58:34,159

make a reducing agent that can build

3278

01:58:36,629 --> 01:58:35,520

biomass

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01:58:38,070 --> 01:58:36,639

so

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01:58:40,709 --> 01:58:38,080

what this says to me is that i think

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01:58:42,390 --> 01:58:40,719

it's likely that retinal phototrophy had

3282

01:58:43,669 --> 01:58:42,400

to have come first

3283

01:58:46,149 --> 01:58:43,679

because

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01:58:48,709 --> 01:58:46,159

um if chlorophyll trophy came first now

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01:58:50,629 --> 01:58:48,719

the first awful retinal phototroph would

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01:58:52,310 --> 01:58:50,639

have been worse than chlorophototrophs

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01:58:53,750 --> 01:58:52,320

on all axes

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01:58:56,149 --> 01:58:53,760

whereas

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01:58:58,310 --> 01:58:56,159

if the retinal phototroph came first the

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01:59:00,070 --> 01:58:58,320

first chlorophototroph had one trick it

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01:59:01,109 --> 01:59:00,080

could do and it was able to evolve and

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01:59:03,669 --> 01:59:01,119

then

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01:59:05,430 --> 01:59:03,679

knock off this part of the trade-off in

3294

01:59:07,350 --> 01:59:05,440

this um energy

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01:59:08,470 --> 01:59:07,360

space

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01:59:10,310 --> 01:59:08,480

so

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01:59:12,070 --> 01:59:10,320

in summary i think this is i think this

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01:59:13,669 --> 01:59:12,080

is what has been happening across the

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01:59:15,910 --> 01:59:13,679

history of life on earth this is sort of

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01:59:18,550 --> 01:59:15,920

the space of ecological niches you

3301  
01:59:20,790 --> 01:59:18,560  
invent a bad a bad retinal phototroph it

3302  
01:59:22,550 --> 01:59:20,800  
gets better it fills a bunch of niches

3303  
01:59:24,550 --> 01:59:22,560  
then you invent a chlorophytotroph it

3304  
01:59:26,629 --> 01:59:24,560  
gets better it fills a bunch of niches

3305  
01:59:28,870 --> 01:59:26,639  
it kicks retinal phototrophy out of some

3306  
01:59:30,870 --> 01:59:28,880  
of those niches but not all because

3307  
01:59:32,310 --> 01:59:30,880  
they're sufficiently different

3308  
01:59:34,470 --> 01:59:32,320  
and both of them have been suppressing

3309  
01:59:36,629 --> 01:59:34,480  
the evolution of things to like

3310  
01:59:38,629 --> 01:59:36,639  
themselves ever since

3311  
01:59:41,350 --> 01:59:38,639  
and you can imagine very different

3312  
01:59:43,629 --> 01:59:41,360  
circumstances we see something like this

3313  
01:59:45,750 --> 01:59:43,639

on the left with animals and

3314

01:59:47,430 --> 01:59:45,760

multicellularity just more and more

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01:59:48,950 --> 01:59:47,440

multi-cells keep popping up over and

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01:59:50,229 --> 01:59:48,960

over and over again they don't seem to

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01:59:51,910 --> 01:59:50,239

interfere with each other or step on

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01:59:53,430 --> 01:59:51,920

each other's toes

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01:59:55,189 --> 01:59:53,440

you could also imagine a circumstance

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01:59:57,990 --> 01:59:55,199

though where something like this happens

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02:00:00,310 --> 01:59:58,000

but the niche space just wasn't um

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02:00:02,470 --> 02:00:00,320

complex enough for there to be space for

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02:00:05,510 --> 02:00:02,480

more than one and somebody fills the

3324

02:00:07,270 --> 02:00:05,520

entire niche and completely suppresses

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02:00:08,070 --> 02:00:07,280

everyone for all time

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02:00:10,629 --> 02:00:08,080

so

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02:00:13,350 --> 02:00:10,639

conclusions i think photo trophy is easy

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02:00:15,750 --> 02:00:13,360

to evolve it originated independently

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02:00:17,430 --> 02:00:15,760

twice from co-opted non-phototrophic

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02:00:18,470 --> 02:00:17,440

systems you can see what some of the

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02:00:21,030 --> 02:00:18,480

things that probably came from in the

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02:00:22,550 --> 02:00:21,040

case of chlorophototrophy i think this

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02:00:23,990 --> 02:00:22,560

should be very early in earth's history

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02:00:25,350 --> 02:00:24,000

and be ubiquitous in any other

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02:00:27,510 --> 02:00:25,360

biospheres

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02:00:29,350 --> 02:00:27,520

i think that this whole dual singularity

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02:00:32,550 --> 02:00:29,360

aspect suggests that major innovations

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02:00:35,030 --> 02:00:32,560

can rapidly become unbeatable incumbents

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02:00:36,229 --> 02:00:35,040

that leave unrefined upstarts unable to

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02:00:37,910 --> 02:00:36,239

compete

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02:00:39,830 --> 02:00:37,920

and i think right now a photo trophy

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02:00:42,390 --> 02:00:39,840

likely evolved first

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02:00:43,270 --> 02:00:42,400

for reasons that i said before

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02:00:45,350 --> 02:00:43,280

and

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02:00:47,270 --> 02:00:45,360

i think other evolutionary singularities

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02:00:48,950 --> 02:00:47,280

might be singular due to these priority

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02:00:50,790 --> 02:00:48,960

effects rather than difficulty or

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02:00:53,430 --> 02:00:50,800

contingency and i think we need to look

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02:00:55,990 --> 02:00:53,440

carefully at the niche structures that

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02:00:58,229 --> 02:00:56,000

can cause this phenomenon sometimes but

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02:00:59,750 --> 02:00:58,239

not other times and i think

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02:01:02,149 --> 02:00:59,760

eukaryogenesis

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02:01:05,589 --> 02:01:02,159

or genetic code origin of life are all

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02:01:07,910 --> 02:01:05,599

prime candidates um i have thoughts on

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02:01:09,910 --> 02:01:07,920

how there might actually be little bits

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02:01:11,350 --> 02:01:09,920

of evidence of other things approaching

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02:01:12,950 --> 02:01:11,360

the complex cell architecture of

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02:01:15,350 --> 02:01:12,960

eukaryogenesis which i would love to

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02:01:17,430 --> 02:01:15,360

talk to people later and and i have

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02:01:19,350 --> 02:01:17,440

ideas so

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02:01:21,030 --> 02:01:19,360

uh and this has even inspired some lab

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02:01:22,790 --> 02:01:21,040

work i'm now putting rhodopsins into

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02:01:24,709 --> 02:01:22,800

yeast and studying how it's affecting

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02:01:26,149 --> 02:01:24,719

the evolution of their multicellularity

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02:01:27,589 --> 02:01:26,159

turns out there's there's interesting

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02:01:29,109 --> 02:01:27,599

experimental stuff to be done with this

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02:01:30,390 --> 02:01:29,119

too so

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02:01:33,270 --> 02:01:30,400

uh let's thank you all for your

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02:01:34,950 --> 02:01:33,280

attention thank uh will ratcliffe for

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02:01:36,390 --> 02:01:34,960

letting me go off on these tangents

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02:01:38,870 --> 02:01:36,400

ozone for

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02:01:40,790 --> 02:01:38,880

constantly inspiring me in the lab and

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02:01:42,390 --> 02:01:40,800

autumn for uh

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02:01:43,910 --> 02:01:42,400

doing some of these cool experiments

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02:01:47,120 --> 02:01:43,920

with red dobson that i've just started

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02:01:52,310 --> 02:01:47,130

recently so any questions

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02:01:57,589 --> 02:01:54,390

thanks tony that was really exciting and

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02:02:00,470 --> 02:01:57,599

thank you beautiful talk i have um a

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02:02:01,910 --> 02:02:00,480

question about the retinol nala troves

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02:02:04,550 --> 02:02:01,920

coming first

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02:02:07,270 --> 02:02:04,560

don't you need chlorophyll

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02:02:10,709 --> 02:02:07,280

first in order to make oxygen because

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02:02:14,070 --> 02:02:10,719

retinol requires oxygen to be made

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02:02:15,270 --> 02:02:14,080

retinal does need oxygen to be made um

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02:02:16,709 --> 02:02:15,280

thing is

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02:02:19,189 --> 02:02:16,719

i don't think that necessarily tells you

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02:02:21,510 --> 02:02:19,199

anything because

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02:02:25,750 --> 02:02:21,520

you also have chlorophyll getting made

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02:02:27,510 --> 02:02:25,760

with oxygen in a lot of organisms today

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02:02:31,589 --> 02:02:27,520

and secondly

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02:02:34,629 --> 02:02:31,599

today in this oxygen soaked world

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02:02:37,350 --> 02:02:34,639

every um the the retinal organisms they

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02:02:39,510 --> 02:02:37,360

do a lot better in bright light is there

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02:02:41,830 --> 02:02:39,520

a place on earth that has bright light

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02:02:57,669 --> 02:02:41,840

that doesn't have oxygen today

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02:03:02,790 --> 02:03:00,629

yeah but once but yeah but and so if the

3397

02:03:04,709 --> 02:03:02,800

other thing is though the the a pathway

3398

02:03:06,950 --> 02:03:04,719

that uses oxygen to make this is going

3399

02:03:08,629 --> 02:03:06,960

to be a lot shorter and simpler than a

3400

02:03:10,790 --> 02:03:08,639

pathway that doesn't

3401

02:03:13,270 --> 02:03:10,800

so if you consider the synthesis

3402

02:03:14,390 --> 02:03:13,280

machinery for the pigment as part of the

3403

02:03:16,550 --> 02:03:14,400

machinery

3404

02:03:18,950 --> 02:03:16,560

you also get a major advantage if you

3405

02:03:20,550 --> 02:03:18,960

can cut down on that synthesis

3406

02:03:24,149 --> 02:03:20,560

machinery so

3407

02:03:26,550 --> 02:03:24,159

um but on the and on and for point three

3408

02:03:28,870 --> 02:03:26,560

i don't know that anyone would recognize

3409

02:03:31,270 --> 02:03:28,880

a non-oxygen non-oxygen-using pathway to

3410

02:03:33,030 --> 02:03:31,280

make that if they saw it

3411

02:03:35,510 --> 02:03:33,040

um like there's like they've

3412

02:03:37,669 --> 02:03:35,520

characterized the oxygen using pathway

3413

02:03:38,870 --> 02:03:37,679

you might just see oh this thing has a

3414

02:03:41,030 --> 02:03:38,880

rhodopsin but it doesn't have a

3415

02:03:42,950 --> 02:03:41,040

synthesis pathway like like are we are

3416

02:03:44,870 --> 02:03:42,960

we sure that we have not actually seen

3417

02:03:48,470 --> 02:03:44,880

that so between all these things i'm not

3418

02:03:54,390 --> 02:03:51,350

so tony it seems like the the really

3419

02:03:57,510 --> 02:03:54,400

important aspect of determining

3420

02:03:59,109 --> 02:03:57,520

how many um origins of a major

3421

02:04:02,229 --> 02:03:59,119

transition

3422

02:04:04,149 --> 02:04:02,239

is its ability to spread and fill an

3423

02:04:07,669 --> 02:04:04,159

ecological niche

3424

02:04:09,270 --> 02:04:07,679

is there any way that you can

3425

02:04:12,069 --> 02:04:09,280

um

3426

02:04:14,629 --> 02:04:12,079

sort of suss that out how how quickly

3427

02:04:16,709 --> 02:04:14,639

can it spread or did it spread that

3428

02:04:18,629 --> 02:04:16,719

would allow you to sort of test this

3429

02:04:20,629 --> 02:04:18,639

hypothesis

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02:04:23,030 --> 02:04:20,639

so like is there a way to look back into

3431

02:04:25,030 --> 02:04:23,040

the history of a particular major

3432

02:04:26,709 --> 02:04:25,040

innovation and see how see how quickly

3433

02:04:29,910 --> 02:04:26,719

it's well in particular this one is

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02:04:33,189 --> 02:04:29,920

there any way to to determine from

3435

02:04:35,030 --> 02:04:33,199

existing you know geological evidence or

3436

02:04:36,790 --> 02:04:35,040

um

3437

02:04:40,550 --> 02:04:36,800

genomic evidence

3438

02:04:42,149 --> 02:04:40,560

how quickly it did spread in its

3439

02:04:44,709 --> 02:04:42,159

ecological niche

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02:04:47,189 --> 02:04:44,719

let's see uh

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02:04:50,069 --> 02:04:47,199

you might you might make an argument

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02:04:52,470 --> 02:04:50,079

about like stem lengths about like with

3443

02:04:53,430 --> 02:04:52,480

like stem groups and crown groups like

3444

02:04:56,149 --> 02:04:53,440

um

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02:04:57,669 --> 02:04:56,159

there's the there's whether there's

3446

02:04:59,430 --> 02:04:57,679

there's there's the crown group which is

3447

02:05:01,189 --> 02:04:59,440

the everything that's around today and

3448

02:05:02,790 --> 02:05:01,199

its common ancestor and then there's the

3449

02:05:04,390 --> 02:05:02,800

stem where it was still doing something

3450

02:05:05,510 --> 02:05:04,400

like today but then only one thing

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02:05:07,030 --> 02:05:05,520

appears because none of these

3452

02:05:08,790 --> 02:05:07,040

innovations are a single step there's

3453

02:05:10,790 --> 02:05:08,800

lots and lots of steps

3454

02:05:11,990 --> 02:05:10,800

and presumably you're on the stem as

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02:05:13,350 --> 02:05:12,000

you're approaching the trade-off and

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02:05:15,350 --> 02:05:13,360

then once you're on the trade-off you

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02:05:16,709 --> 02:05:15,360

start having diversity that remains

3458

02:05:17,510 --> 02:05:16,719

around today

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02:05:19,109 --> 02:05:17,520

so

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02:05:20,870 --> 02:05:19,119

you could make i suppose you might be

3461

02:05:23,510 --> 02:05:20,880

able to make an argument about like how

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02:05:24,870 --> 02:05:23,520

big are those stems what what how much

3463

02:05:28,069 --> 02:05:24,880

had to happen

3464

02:05:30,790 --> 02:05:28,079

along that uh along that path and

3465

02:05:32,950 --> 02:05:30,800

and how and how quickly um did it have

3466

02:05:34,310 --> 02:05:32,960

to go there so like you uh that's more

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02:05:37,510 --> 02:05:34,320

about the of the speed with which you

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02:05:39,510 --> 02:05:37,520

approach it but uh but i think i have

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02:05:40,870 --> 02:05:39,520

i've i've been i've thought about like

3470

02:05:42,229 --> 02:05:40,880

major innovations like like

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02:05:44,629 --> 02:05:42,239

eukaryogenesis where you have this

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02:05:46,390 --> 02:05:44,639

enormously long stem with so many things

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02:05:48,310 --> 02:05:46,400

happening along it and lots of people

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02:05:50,629 --> 02:05:48,320

like to say that had to take a long time

3475

02:05:51,750 --> 02:05:50,639

i'm not so sure evolution can happen

3476

02:05:53,589 --> 02:05:51,760

fast

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02:05:56,069 --> 02:05:53,599

um especially when there's major

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02:05:58,629 --> 02:05:56,079

selective advantages but um

3479

02:06:00,149 --> 02:05:58,639

yeah i think i think that's that's how i

3480

02:06:02,390 --> 02:06:00,159

would think about approaching it look

3481

02:06:04,069 --> 02:06:02,400

looking at the stems and when the stems

3482

02:06:08,390 --> 02:06:04,079

had to happen and what had to happen in

3483

02:06:08,400 --> 02:06:11,830

great and then one last question

3484

02:06:14,790 --> 02:06:13,990

thanks so much i i had a question about

3485

02:06:18,629 --> 02:06:14,800

the

3486

02:06:20,790 --> 02:06:18,639

um

3487

02:06:22,470 --> 02:06:20,800

system that it seems like it had a lot

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02:06:24,310 --> 02:06:22,480

of parts and that early on it probably

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02:06:26,229 --> 02:06:24,320

had fewer parts and did those parts look

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02:06:27,510 --> 02:06:26,239

like the rhodopsin parts at least in

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02:06:29,030 --> 02:06:27,520

cartoon form

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02:06:31,910 --> 02:06:29,040

they don't look like they're adopting

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02:06:35,030 --> 02:06:31,920

parts at all um the rhodopsin is this

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02:06:37,109 --> 02:06:35,040

little small transmembrane protein that

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02:06:39,510 --> 02:06:37,119

just literally mechanically is pushing

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02:06:42,709 --> 02:06:39,520

protons around as the pigment changes

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02:06:44,790 --> 02:06:42,719

shape in response to uh light liter

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02:06:46,069 --> 02:06:44,800

literally a double bond switches from

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02:06:48,709 --> 02:06:46,079

cyst to trans

3500

02:06:51,189 --> 02:06:48,719

in response to absorbing a photon the

3501

02:06:52,629 --> 02:06:51,199

chlorophyll stuff it's it's it's part of

3502

02:06:54,790 --> 02:06:52,639

an electron transport chain you are

3503

02:06:56,149 --> 02:06:54,800

boosting electrons to different redox

3504

02:06:58,870 --> 02:06:56,159

levels in response to light and then

3505

02:07:00,790 --> 02:06:58,880

they're tunneling around and so um but

3506

02:07:02,790 --> 02:07:00,800

do you think the antenna came first

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02:07:04,870 --> 02:07:02,800

uh for the motor i think what do you

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02:07:06,870 --> 02:07:04,880

mean well you had the different parts

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02:07:08,149 --> 02:07:06,880

the components in cartoon form you had

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02:07:09,830 --> 02:07:08,159

the antenna

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02:07:12,470 --> 02:07:09,840

and you had the motor and then the

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02:07:13,669 --> 02:07:12,480

adoption one looks so so so the

3513

02:07:16,470 --> 02:07:13,679

interesting thing when you think about

3514

02:07:19,350 --> 02:07:16,480

their their pre-dependencies

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02:07:23,189 --> 02:07:19,360

for rhodopsin all that you need is

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02:07:25,510 --> 02:07:23,199

uh a membrane with uh with a uh with a

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02:07:27,669 --> 02:07:25,520

with a proton gradient that is used to

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02:07:30,550 --> 02:07:27,679

do work like it is it is an advocate it

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02:07:32,870 --> 02:07:30,560

is an advantage in that circumstance

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02:07:35,270 --> 02:07:32,880

for chlorophyll you need

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02:07:37,669 --> 02:07:35,280

need you need um electron transport

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02:07:39,270 --> 02:07:37,679

chains basically and i would i

3523

02:07:41,350 --> 02:07:39,280

you you can also make the argument

3524

02:07:44,229 --> 02:07:41,360

that's more dependencies

3525

02:07:45,750 --> 02:07:44,239

for for the one to work than the other

3526

02:07:50,709 --> 02:07:45,760

does that make sense

3527

02:08:06,069 --> 02:07:52,830

great well thank you

3528

02:08:11,030 --> 02:08:07,750

and now we have the honor of turning

3529

02:08:15,000 --> 02:08:11,040

this over to professor jen glass and

3530

02:08:34,950 --> 02:08:15,010

uh professor francis rivera hernandez

3531

02:08:39,430 --> 02:08:37,669

okay welcome to our

3532

02:08:40,940 --> 02:08:39,440

first

3533

02:08:43,510 --> 02:08:40,950

ever in person

3534

02:08:46,510 --> 02:08:43,520

[Laughter]

3535

02:08:50,310 --> 02:08:46,520

[Applause]

3536

02:08:52,310 --> 02:08:50,320

astrobiology certificate ceremony so if

3537

02:08:53,750 --> 02:08:52,320

everybody that's getting a certificate

3538

02:08:56,310 --> 02:08:53,760

can come on

3539

02:08:58,790 --> 02:08:56,320

well i'll call you up we'll call you up

3540

02:09:00,390 --> 02:08:58,800

so um maybe somebody can just flip

3541

02:09:03,189 --> 02:09:00,400

through the slides that'd be great

3542

02:09:06,790 --> 02:09:03,199

christina thank you

3543

02:09:09,030 --> 02:09:06,800

so yes uh so we're just gonna yeah go

3544

02:09:12,390 --> 02:09:09,040

through the slides and alternate okay so

3545

02:09:14,400 --> 02:09:12,400

our first recipient is alex sessa

3546

02:09:23,669 --> 02:09:14,410

congratulations

3547

02:09:28,340 --> 02:09:25,990

yeah our second recipient is riley

3548

02:09:41,850 --> 02:09:28,350

brennan

3549

02:09:41,860 --> 02:09:45,950

[Music]

3550

02:09:49,430 --> 02:09:47,910

congratulations

3551  
02:09:51,030 --> 02:09:49,440  
yes and you should stay up here we're

3552  
02:09:54,149 --> 02:09:51,040  
going to get a picture we'll do like an

3553  
02:09:55,830 --> 02:09:54,159  
elbow bump from now

3554  
02:10:05,750 --> 02:09:55,840  
hey

3555  
02:10:05,760 --> 02:10:10,229  
congratulations

3556  
02:10:13,630 --> 02:10:12,470  
and our next recipient is justin

3557  
02:10:18,790 --> 02:10:13,640  
lawrence

3558  
02:10:22,260 --> 02:10:18,800  
[Applause]

3559  
02:10:26,990 --> 02:10:22,270  
next up maria granada

3560  
02:10:28,709 --> 02:10:27,000  
[Applause]

3561  
02:10:30,229 --> 02:10:28,719  
[Music]

3562  
02:10:33,589 --> 02:10:30,239  
congratulations

3563  
02:10:35,270 --> 02:10:33,599

and um i think oscar is in the air force

3564

02:10:38,640 --> 02:10:35,280

right now so he's probably not here but

3565

02:10:40,310 --> 02:10:38,650

oscar klempe congratulations

3566

02:10:42,120 --> 02:10:40,320

[Applause]

3567

02:10:48,390 --> 02:10:42,130

next up tyler roach

3568

02:10:53,589 --> 02:10:51,189

[Music]

3569

02:10:56,069 --> 02:10:53,599

and next up is katie

3570

02:10:57,830 --> 02:10:56,079

cube who's i think is online

3571

02:11:02,550 --> 02:10:57,840

congratulations

3572

02:11:12,550 --> 02:11:05,540

next up rebecca gloop butler

3573

02:11:18,750 --> 02:11:15,510

and next up is kavita

3574

02:11:24,629 --> 02:11:21,669

[Applause]

3575

02:11:26,550 --> 02:11:24,639

all right next up chase shivers

3576

02:11:27,630 --> 02:11:26,560

which i saw before i think he's around

3577

02:11:30,069 --> 02:11:27,640

but not he's not back

3578

02:11:33,189 --> 02:11:30,079

[Applause]

3579

02:11:36,830 --> 02:11:34,550

okay

3580

02:11:39,850 --> 02:11:36,840

and next up is

3581

02:11:44,550 --> 02:11:39,860

jordan jordan mccain

3582

02:11:44,560 --> 02:11:48,709

and then taylor plattner

3583

02:11:48,719 --> 02:11:53,990

go mars

3584

02:11:57,910 --> 02:11:55,430

congratulations

3585

02:12:00,629 --> 02:11:57,920

i need to get a shirt for you i have one

3586

02:12:13,300 --> 02:12:00,639

i just i left it out oh we had them in

3587

02:12:19,160 --> 02:12:16,229

[Applause]

3588

02:12:27,430 --> 02:12:19,170

hey

3589

02:12:32,390 --> 02:12:30,750

yeah next up elizabeth spears

3590

02:12:35,669 --> 02:12:32,400

[Applause]

3591

02:12:40,790 --> 02:12:38,229

online she's online and

3592

02:12:43,390 --> 02:12:40,800

last but not least marissa

3593

02:12:46,500 --> 02:12:43,400

congratulations smear says the money

3594

02:12:48,940 --> 02:12:46,510

[Applause]

3595

02:12:57,669 --> 02:12:48,950

[Music]

3596

02:12:57,679 --> 02:13:04,740

maybe we could do everybody like

3597

02:13:04,750 --> 02:13:09,430

[Applause]

3598

02:13:12,310 --> 02:13:11,030

maybe a couple people

3599

02:13:20,510 --> 02:13:12,320

bunch of

3600

02:13:20,520 --> 02:13:25,589

[Music]

3601  
02:13:25,599 --> 02:13:30,350  
is

3602  
02:13:30,360 --> 02:13:33,870  
[Music]

3603  
02:13:33,880 --> 02:13:39,370  
[Laughter]

3604  
02:13:54,310 --> 02:13:42,229  
[Music]

3605  
02:13:57,510 --> 02:13:55,270  
hey

3606  
02:14:06,050 --> 02:13:57,520  
thank you